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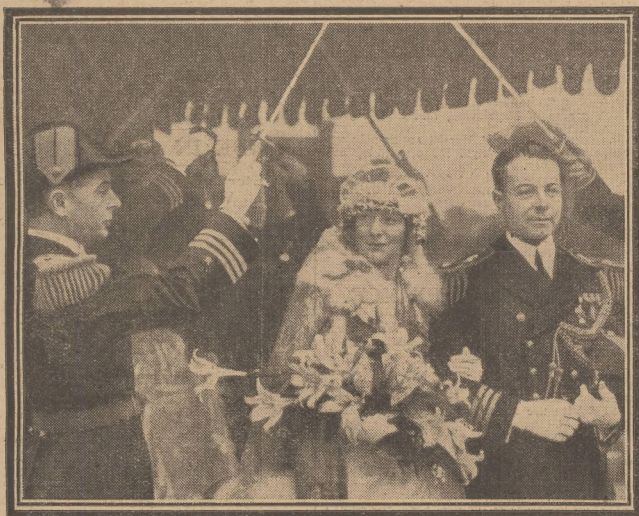
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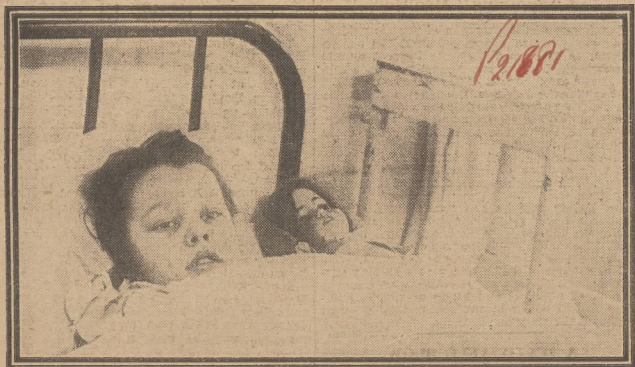
Commander T. A. Thomson, U.S.N., an Embassy attaché, with his bride, Miss Newton.



Captain Hussey, U.S. naval attaché, his wife, and the Chinese naval attaché.

Many notabilities of the diplomatic world were at St. Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday to see the wedding of Commander Thomson and Miss Lillian Newton.

PLUCKY "BROWNIE'S" WILL POWER SAVES HER LIFE



Margaret Santon, a ten-years-old girl guide belonging to the 10th Aldershot "Brownies," lying in hospital as the result of falling into a bath of boiling water. Rescued almost unconscious from burns, she murmured: "I must not cry. Brownies do not cry." The doctors say they believe her will power alone saved her life.

EARL MARRIED AT 8 A.M.



The Earl of Denbigh and his bride, Miss Kathleen Emmet, leaving on their honeymoon after their wedding at eight o'clock yesterday morning in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Westminster. The Earl is sixty-three and his Countess fifty-seven.

SHIPOWNER DIES



Mr. Frank Bibby, chairman of the Bibby Steamship Line, who died in London yesterday. He was a well-known sportsman.

FILM STARS' ENGAGEMENT



Mr. Harold Lloyd and Miss Mildred Davis, the film stars, whose engagement is announced. They are seen in a film which shows Mr. Lloyd as an ophthalmist examining his patient's eyes.

BEAUTY'S DEATH



Mrs. Sands, a society figure known as "the beautiful Mrs. Sands," who died at Monte Carlo, and has been buried at Highgate.

FAREWELL NOTE OF SHOT MAJOR.

Last Pathetic Request to Wife and Children.

'FORGIVE MY FAULTS' Suicide Verdict on Victim of War Wounds.

"I want to thank you for everything and so I deserve and indeed ask for no pity. I only hope you and the children will overlook some of my faults."

This is part of a pathetic letter written to his wife and read at the inquest at Westminster yesterday on Major Cecil Sebag-Montefiore, who shot himself in his office at 18, Grafton-street, W.

Major Sebag-Montefiore was badly wounded while fighting in France early in the war.

A verdict of Suicide while of unsound mind was returned, the coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, remarking that the major's brain had given way under the crushing burden of his financial responsibilities.

BADLY WOUNDED IN WAR

Worried Through Starting Business That Did Not Pay.

The dead major, who was forty-eight, was governing director of Messrs. Bateman, Ltd., travel agents. He was member of a famous Jewish family and was the third son of Sir Joseph Sebag-Montefiore, of East Cliff Lodge, Ramsgate.

During the Great War, in which he served with the Middlesex Engineers, the major was twice wounded.

Major Edmund Sebag-Montefiore, of 113, Park-street, said his brother joined up at the outbreak of the war and went to France.

After he had been there a short time he was in a hut that was blown to pieces, and he was given up for dead.

In 1919 or 1920 he started the agency business. It was well-conceived, but the overhead charges ran away with all the profits.

On Wednesday he dined with witness and his wife, when he said he had not had a whole night's rest since the war.

The coroner said Major Montefiore had left a pathetic letter addressed to his wife, in which he said:—

"It has all come upon me so suddenly that I had hardly time to write to you as fully as I should wish. I am almost glad that I cannot see you. Good-bye, old girl. No one knows how I have suffered."

"I have only one relief—one I have hinted at before—namely, that my death permanently helps to alleviate your troubles as regards finance—those troubles for which I am solely responsible."

"The insurance on my life will wipe out—if not entirely, most—so—all my liabilities. I have left another note, and I hope and believe that all will be well."

"If not too much trouble, I should like to be burnt and my ashes scattered. I want no ceremony."

"I conclude by thanking you for all and the children for much. I further beg for pardon from those who lived around me—Yours Cecil."

The coroner said that it was a very pathetic document, and that he had read the letter addressed to his brother dealing with his affairs.

BEJEWELLED POLITICS.

Glittering Scene at Reception of Lord and Lady Londonderry.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry gave the big political reception last night—the eve of the opening of Parliament—and the wonderful rooms in Londonderry House, Park-lane, were thronged with members of the Lords and Commons and their wives and daughters.

These guests were received by the Marchioness of Londonderry, standing beside Mr. Bonar Law, and her diamond tiara and long earrings vied with her pearl necklace for first place in beauty on a dress of black panne velvet.

Lord Londonderry stood by to greet the many peers and their ladies, and the brilliant display of jewels and decorations could not easily have been surpassed.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, with Lady Rachel Cavendish; the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn; the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire; the French, Spanish and American Ambassadors; the Duke and Duchess of Somerset; the Marquis and Marchioness of Anglesey; the Earl and Countess of Cavan, greeted on their return from their delayed honeymoon; the Bishop of London, and the Bishop of Durham were

Other Banquets.—The Premier gave a Ministerial banquet at 10, Downing-street, and Lord Curzon entertained the Government peers at Carlton House-terrace; Sir Alfred Mond was the host of Mr. Lloyd George and the National Liberals and Alfred Beauchamp of the Opposition peers, and Sir John Simon dined with about a dozen members of the Liberal Party.

FROLICS IN FIGURES.

Curiosities of Our 8,000,000 Marks Ruhr Contest.

COST IN POSTAGE.

Statistical fiends see everything through curious distorting spectacles; but, happily, they are generally quite harmless when treated kindly—except when they attempt to prove that the income-tax and other iniquitous impositions are in reality no burden.

When they are of this sort they should be confined in a padded and sound-proof cell. One tame specimen of the statistical fiend family, who has been enjoying himself upon working out the results of *The Daily Mirror* 8,000,000 Marks Ruhr Competition, has arrived at some interesting conclusions for the accuracy of which he alone is responsible.

Estimating that each competitor spent half an hour upon thinking out and writing his essay, the statistician finds that the 16,000 entrants spent a total of 353 days and eight hours upon their labours.

If a trade union working day of eight hours is taken as the standard, the time required for one man or woman to do the work would have been 1,000 days and four hours.

The addition to the revenue produced by the postage of the entries, based on the estimate of 14,000 letters at 1½d. each and 2,000 postcards at 1d., amounts to £95 18s. 8d.

The paper used, not including envelopes, weighed about 65lb., and the cost of the stationery—an almost impossible item to assess—amounted to about £20.

When the statistician began to calculate that all the sheets of paper and all the postcards, if placed edge to edge, longwise and broadwise, would form bands which would measure so many miles or pillars, which would reach to such and such a height, he ceased to be harmless, and was sternly suppressed by the editorial blue pencil.

Prizes Dispatched.—Happily, owing to the request made by many readers for the purchase of notes of high value, no stamps or other conveyances have been necessary for the delivery of the 8,000,000 marks awarded in connection with *The Daily Mirror* competition. The prizes have been dispatched in notes of 100,000 marks each.

POSTAL REVENUE DOWN.

Half-penny Reduction in Stamps Leads to £4,000,000 Loss.

Anticipations of the Postmaster-General that, as a result of reduced rates, there would be an increase of about ten per cent. in letters and about twenty per cent. in postcards have not been realised.

For the six months ending in September receipts from the postal services, excluding telegrams and telephones, were more than £2,000,000 less than the corresponding period in 1922, but certain reductions in expenditure were effected.

1½d. stamps sold in the seven months ending in December realised £8,000,000 as against £12,000,000 from 2d. stamps in the same period of 1921.

DANCERS STRANDED.

Prison for Woman Who Took Young Girls to Amsterdam.

For causing two girls under sixteen to go out of the country for the purpose of performing for profit without a licence having been obtained, Lila Schofield, a dancing instructor, of Great Newport-street, W.G.O., professionally known as Lila Field, was at Bow-street yesterday sentenced to two months in the second division.

The girls, named Brewster and Middlewick, were two of a party taken by Schofield to Amsterdam. Owing to a variety of reasons funds ran short, they were turned out of their hotel, and arrangements for their return to England were made by the British Consul.

The girls, said Mr. Musket, prosecuting, must have gone through a distressing and anxious time, and there was also a great element of moral danger, but no harm had come to them.

AFTER 31 YEARS.

Scots Wife Seeks Declaration of Marriage with Natal Doctor.

An interesting case, invoking the Scots law of marriage by interchange of consent, has been brought in the Court of Session at Edinburgh by Florence Smith, or Murrison, who seeks a declarator that she was married in 1888 to Dr. Patrick Murrison, at present medical officer of health of Durban, Natal.

The parties, married by interchange of consent, had, it was stated, lived as man and wife for thirty-one years.

Dr. Murrison's plea that the Scottish Courts had no jurisdiction, in that he had resided in his Scottish domicile, was negatived by the Court, and the case is being proceeded with.

TAXICAB TRAGEDY FUNERAL.

When Alice Cheshire, the victim of the West End taxi cab tragedy, was buried yesterday at Bourne End Church, the parents of Bernard Pomroy (who is accused of the girl's murder) were among the mourners. Nearly 500 persons witnessed the quiet ceremony.

POISON PICK-ME-UP.

Labourer's Dose of Fifty Tablets of Tonic.

"TOO MUCH DRUGGING."

Evidence at the inquest on a labourer who died from strychnine poisoning led to forcible comments by the Lambeth coroner yesterday on the dangers of the indiscriminate use of medicine.

The dead man, Frederick Charles Merritt, fifty-two, of Rosendale-road, Horne Hill, took fifty tablets of Easton's Syrup to "buck himself up" before going out for a day's excursion with his wife.

A post-mortem examination showed that he was quite a healthy man. The verdict was Deceased by misadventure.

The widow said that her husband suffered from rheumatism and had a good deal of pain. He was in the habit of taking aspirin and gout pills. He had no reason whatever for committing suicide.

Dr. Baly said that Easton's Syrup could be bought on the purchaser giving his name and address. Fifty tablets would contain one and a half grains of strychnine, and half a grain was a fatal dose.

The coroner said that Merritt apparently was always taking drugs—first for one thing and then for another.

It was a tendency of the age; everybody was taking great many medicines, and in many cases they were not required.

Easton's Syrup was a most excellent tonic, but it must be treated with the greatest respect. Its danger was indicated on the bottle, and the number of tablets to be taken was plainly specified.

THE HUMAN PRINCE.

Wish to Talk to Yorkshire Workers, and Not Gaze at Machinery.

By the characteristic request of the Prince of Wales, the authorities in the various cities and boroughs, such as he has visited in his tour of Yorkshire are considerably modifying their programmes.

The Prince has made it clear that, wishing to get into close touch with the workers, he does not want merely to gaze upon machinery, and go through a long programme of speech-making.

Fox Brush Souvenir.—Hunting with the Quorn yesterday, the Prince of Wales, though a fifty-five minute gallop, and was well up at the kiln, being presented with the brush as a souvenir. To-night the Prince is to attend the Victoria League Ball at the Hyde Park Hotel.

REPUTATED 'HUSBAND.'

Man's Claim Denied in Court by Supposed Widow.

Confronted with a man who said he was her husband, a woman plaintiff at Bradford County Court stoutly denied the man's claim.

She was Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Broadley, of Playfair-crescent, Hunslet, who claimed against her mother-in-law for detention of goods. The man who said he was her husband belonged to the husband, Ephraim James Broadley.

The wife said her husband left her in 1916 and in 1921 she received information that a man whom she believed to be her husband had married himself at Harrow Weald (Middlesex). She held a death certificate in which his name had been inserted after the alleged identification.

The man who came forward in court said that when his wife was taken to a mental hospital some years ago he understood she would not be able to leave it again. The case was adjourned sine die.

RIDDLE OF BABY'S DEATH

Doctor Suspects Prussic Acid in Dose of "Soothing" Medicine.

Suspicious of the presence of prussic acid in medicine given to a child, caused the Sutton coroner to adjourn yesterday's inquest on the five-days-old baby of Mr. Robert Warren Simpson, local commandant of the Salvation Army.

Miss Blanche Johnson, the nurse, said that as the child was fretful during the night she gave it a dose of oil of almonds and syrup of violets, on the advice of the mother, and the child died next morning.

The father said that the medicine had been given by another of his children without ill effects. The dose, however, came out of another bottle.

Dr. Dainty said he had never heard of this medicine being given to children. He was under the impression that it contained prussic acid. The child's condition was compatible with either prussic acid poisoning or asphyxia.

The coroner said this was a very serious suggestion, and obviously if chemists were going to give out a medicine of this kind, they ought to be careful to kill children, the sooner they stopped selling it the better.

A JUSTIFIABLE BLOW.

"You are not justified in striking your landlady even if you are annoyed at the Rent Restriction Act," said Judge Parry to a defendant at the Lambeth County Court yesterday. "If you went and struck the author of the Act in the face I think you might be justified."

EARL'S SECOND WEDDING AT 63.

Lord Denbigh Married to Miss Kathleen Emmet.

8 a.m. CEREMONY.

Cardinal Bourne Officiates at Cathedral Service.

Only relations and close friends of the Earl of Denbigh and Miss Kathleen Erin Emmet were present yesterday at their early morning wedding at Westminster Cathedral.

Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Cardinal Bourne—a compliment to Lord Denbigh's position as one of the foremost Catholic laymen in Britain.

His bride is a descendant of Robert Emmet, the famous Irish revolutionary leader.

After the ceremony, which was held at 8 a.m., there was a wedding breakfast at 66, Grosvenor-street.

BRIDE IN GOLD LACE.

Daughter of Distinguished Doctor Who Lived £200,000.

Lord Denbigh's bride looked very charming in ecru-coloured crepe train trimmed with heavy gold embroidery. She wore a hat of gold lace and carried a small posy of violets.

The bridegroom was attended by his nephew, Captain Robert Elwes, M.C., and the bride was given away by her brother, Captain Robert Emmet, D.S.O.

Miss Kathleen Erin Emmet, of South Audley-street, is the daughter of a distinguished New York physician, Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet.

When he died in 1919, at the age of ninety, he left over £200,000 to his children.

Lord Denbigh, the ninth earl, who comes from one of the oldest Roman Catholic families in Great Britain, has been described as "an Irishman with a Welsh title who spends his time in England." He is sixty-three and a widower.

PRINCE HENRY A GUEST.

At Wedding of Major Greenwood and Miss May Church.

Prince Henry, who was accompanied by Captain Ronald Stanforth, a cousin of the bridegroom, attended the marriage of Major Victor Greenwood, M.C., to Miss May Church, at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, yesterday.

Miss Church, who was given away by her brother, wore a silver dress with the train of heavy brocade. She was followed by three tiny children as fairies in silver gauze and ribbons with posies of pink tulips, the six elder bridesmaids carrying shoes of blush pink tulips to tone with draped pink and silver dresses. Silver roses fastened their pink tulle headresses with floating scarf ends.

There was a diplomatic congregation at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the wedding of Commander Thaddeus Thomson, jun., of the United States Navy, assistant naval attaché at the American Embassy, and Miss Lillian Uppercu Newton.

ROYAL STUD MANAGER.

Major F. Featherstonhaugh To Take Charge of the King's Horses.

It was officially announced last night that the King has appointed Major F. Featherstonhaugh as manager of His Majesty's thoroughbred stud in the place of the late Lord Marcus Beresford.

Major Featherstonhaugh is a member of the National Hunt Committee and has bred a number of winners.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

To-day's Weather.—London and S.E. England: Rather mild, a little rain or drizzle; some mist or fog. Lighting-up time 6.8 p.m.

Died at 103.—Mr. William Johnson, of Higham, Kent, has just died, aged 103.

Paid in Gold.—A Kingston motorist yesterday paid his fine for exceeding the speed limit with two sovereigns.

Queen Mary yesterday visited the Women Artists' Society Exhibition, at the Royal Institute Galleries, Piccadilly.

New "Zoo" Arrives.—The largest collection of wild animals, reptiles and birds landed at Southampton since the war arrived.

Killed in Fog.—While superintending fog signals G. Doedman, ganger at Richmond Station for over thirty years, was killed yesterday by an electric train.

Sober Kent.—In Beardsley Petty Sessional Division of Kent only one person out of 20,000 inhabitants has been proceeded against for drunkenness in the past six years.

France Reduces Fish Duty.—French reductions in import duty on fish, which began yesterday, mean about 8s. less a hundred on mackerel and 18s. on cod and haddock.

Chirwin's Daughter.—Miss Clara Matilda Chirwin, referred to in *The Daily Mirror* of January 21, is the eldest daughter of the late George Chirwin, and only child of the famous comedian's first marriage.

PARLIAMENT BEGINS STRENUOUS SESSION TO-DAY

Series of Thorny Problems Which Will Put Government Strength to Big Test.

LABOUR CHALLENGE PROMISES EXCITEMENT

Keen Struggle Coming Over New Rent Legislation—Ruhr Policy and Mespot Bill Critics.

Confronted with a series of vital problems at home and abroad, Parliament reassembles to-day for one of the most important sessions of recent years.

Lively debates in a "fighting" atmosphere are certain on numerous topics, and the leaders of the Labour Party—stronger than ever before—are marshalling their forces for a supreme effort.

New rent legislation will arouse great controversy, and the Ruhr occupation, liabilities of the taxpayer in Mesopotamia and Palestine, and the Near East deadlock are other thorny problems on which the Government must expect keen cross-examination.

All the party leaders are expected to speak to-day during the debate on the King's Speech.

CABINET MOVE TO ADJUST NO GOODS OF ANY KIND INCREASED RENT MUDDLE. FROM RUHR TO GERMANY.

Back-Dated Compensation New French Ban Aimed at for Landlords? Defaulting Magnates.

THE KING'S DRIVE ROUTE.

By Our Lobby Correspondent.

With traditional ceremonial, Parliament will be opened by the King at noon to-day, and the Prince of Wales will be present.

His Majesty, accompanied by the Queen, will drive in state to the House of Lords, leaving Buckingham Palace at 11.25 a.m. and proceeding by way of the Mall, Horse Guards Arch, Whitehall and Parliament-street, and returning by the same route.

The new session promises to provide plenty of exciting incidents. Already the Labour Party are threatening to fight every line of the Government's new rent Bill if, as is taken for granted, it is based upon the recommendations of the majority report of the One-ow Committee.

The Cabinet is credited with the intention to introduce legislation compensating house owners who, through the loose drafting of the Rent Act, did not notice the increase before raising rent, by permitting them to recover the increase for a brief retrospective period.

Several important debates are expected on foreign affairs. There will be a Socialist amendment to the Address on the French occupation of the Ruhr which will be supported by the Independent Liberals and possibly by some of Mr. Lloyd George's supporters.

A good many critics of the Government also desire to speak on the Conference at Lausanne, British commitments in Iraq and Palestine, and the terms of the American debt settlement.

Mr. S. Roberts (Hereford) will move the Address, and it will be seconded by Mr. Collingwood Hughes (Peckham), who will be followed by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister and Mr. Asquith or Sir John Simon.

SEAT FOR MINISTER.

Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen Adopted by Mitcham Unionists.

It is probable that Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, the Minister of Health, who is at present without a seat in Parliament, will be elected to represent Mitcham. Dr. T. Cato Worsfold, the sitting member, tendered his resignation to the local Unionist Association at a meeting at Croydon last night.

Dr. Worsfold, who is a prominent City solicitor, has for some time felt the double strain of his professional and parliamentary duties, and has decided to resign his seat in Parliament.

He has represented the constituency since 1918, and his majority at the last election was 5,036.

Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen, who was adopted as Conservative candidate by the local association last night, declared he was very anxious for the most rigid economy in all departments and to see our commitments abroad limited to the utmost extent.

By Election.—Alderman W. E. Pease, cousin of Mr. Herbert Pike Pease (recently created a baron), was last night recommended by the Conservative Executive as candidate.

Ex-Premier's "Advances."—Mr. Lloyd George, yesterday re-elected leader of the National Liberal Party, said his advances made for Liberal unity, met with no response.



Sir A. Griffith-Boscawen.



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MR. HEALY'S BROTHER-IN-LAW ASSASSINATED.

Rebels Murder Free State Minister's Father.

MISS MACSWINEY DEFIANT.

Dr. Thomas O'Higgins, coroner for Queen's County, father of Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, the Free State Minister for Home Affairs, and brother-in-law of the Governor-General, Mr. Tim Healy, was shot dead at his home on Sunday night.

Seven armed men arrived at his residence at Woodlands, Stradbally, Queen's County, and after conversation with the doctor it was agreed that the leader of the gang should be allowed in to show him a document.

It is assumed that Dr. O'Higgins disarmed his assailant in the sitting-room, though what happened is not quite clear.

The man then rushed out, shouting, "Fire! Fire!" His companions went into the house and fired at the doctor, who was wounded in the head and died immediately.

The raiders then set fire to the hayricks and decamped.

Miss Mary MacSwiney, who was arrested in a raid on rebel headquarters at Dublin yesterday, said that no matter who followed Liam Deasy there would remain the absolute faith that would remove English domination from the country.

Nothing, she asserted, could stop the war while the English King was in the Constitution.

CAR FALLS INTO QUARRY.

Motorists' Escape After Thrilling Night Adventure.

Two Cardiff motorists, Mr. Moore Mitchell and Mr. S. Rosser, have just had a thrilling adventure. A car was found yesterday morning half submerged in a disused quarry off the Bonville road outside the city.

The car, occupied by two men, collided with another, crashed into and knocked down a wall by the roadside, and then fell over an embankment into an old quarry flooded to the depth of forty feet.

The car was unable to scramble out of the water but the car was wrecked, the petrol tank exploding on striking the water.

PHARAOH'S BOOMERANG.

More Treasures of Luxor Tomb Include Crumbling State Robes.

Among the treasures taken from Tut-ankh Amen's tomb at Luxor yesterday, says a Reuter message, were gold horus birds as big as crows surmounted by a gold sun-disk.

The treasure-laden collection of thin canes, some staffs of banners and other wands for chariot drivers, delicately carved and heavily covered with gold-leaf, an ancient bow of classic design, and what appeared to be a boomerang—a flat, curved stick of hard wood.

Eight traysloads of various articles included fragments of three of Tut-ankh Amen's robes of state—a pitiable jumble of discoloured crumbling rags.

HERO DOCTOR DEAD.

Man Who Went Down Pit in Pyjamas To Save Gassed Miners.

One of the most remarkable instances of bravery by a medical man in the history of British mining is recalled by the death yesterday at Dudley of Dr. Edwin Dando.

In April, 1910, a fire broke out at a local colliery, when several miners were overtaken by noxious fumes, a number succumbing. It happened in the early morning and Dr. Dando descended the mine in his pyjamas, and although nearly suffocated, saved several lives. He was awarded the Edward Medal.

TERRITORIAL ARMY CHIEF.

It is officially announced that Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh S. Jeudwine will become Director-General of the Territorial Army.

BOY WHO SAW STREET SHOOTING DRAMA.

Bullet Over Head as He Ran for Police.

MYSTERY INCIDENT.

Woman's Cry: "He Has Shot My Husband!"

Investigation yesterday of the Battersea shooting tragedy—in which one man was killed and another man and his wife were wounded late on Sunday night—failed to throw any clear light on the affair.

The dead man was Ernest Bailey (forty-four), a steeplejack, of Longhead-street, Battersea.

William Moore, an employee at the Battersea electric power station, was shot through the arm and his wife was shot in the chest at the door of their home in Austin-road, Battersea.

On the Saturday night Bailey went to Moore's house and, it is alleged, threatened to "do him in."

A fight was then averted, according to the neighbours, by Mrs. Moore, who explained that her husband could not defend himself owing to an injury to his hand.

The incident, the cause of which still seems to be a mystery—apparently blew over. Mrs. Bailey was round at the Moores' house early on Sunday evening.

Later, the Moores, with a Mrs. Cole and Bailey were together in a neighbouring public house. Nothing occurred there to suggest the impending tragedy.

Terry Darvill, a fourteen-year-old boy, told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday that he was "skulking" opposite the Moores' house at twenty past ten on Sunday night when he saw Bailey knock at their door.

THIRD SHOT ACROSS STREET.

Mr. Moore came out, and immediately I heard a shot and a cry.

"Quicker than it takes to tell, Mrs. Moore came to the door, shouting: 'Oh, he has shot my husband!'" Then there was another shot.

The boy turned to run for a policeman having, as he said, "got the wind up," but slipped and nearly fell in the gutter. "As I did so," he added, "another bullet whizzed over my head."

A bullet-mark in the brickwork of the house immediately opposite the Moores' house confirms the boy's story.

By the time young Darvill had warned the police, Bailey was dead.

Mrs. Moore had run, shrieking, into the house next door, where she collapsed, and Bailey sat a moment in the Moores' front garden.

Then, it is said, he put the muzzle of the revolver into his mouth and fired.

According to one of the neighbours, Bailey was well known in the district and was regarded as erratic. He was once a sergeant in the Cameron Highlanders, with whom he served in India.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore were taken to the St. James' Infirmary, Battersea, where they were yesterday reported to be progressing favourably.

NEW NEAR EAST PEACE BID.

Ismet to Visit General Harington—Britain Ready to Sign.

According to an Exchange Paris message, Ismet Pasha will visit the British High Commissioner at Constantinople or General Harington, who will appeal to his diplomacy and the conciliatory disposition of Turkey to hasten the conclusion of peace.

The Foreign Office states that Lord Curzon has telegraphed that General Harington will notify Ismet Pasha that England is still disposed to sign the Treaty as drawn up at Lausanne.

No direct news of the reported new ultimatum from the Turks has been received by the British Foreign Office.

MR. HOGGE RESIGNS AS WHIP.

Objects to Subordinate Position in Independent Liberal Party.

Great interest was displayed yesterday in political circles in the news that Mr. J. M. Hogge, M.P., had resigned from the office of Asquith-Grey Joint Chief Liberal Whip, following the decision of Mr. Asquith to nominate Mr. Vivian Philips (his former private secretary) for the post.

"The principal reason why I have resigned," Mr. Hogge told *The Daily Mirror* political correspondent, "is that, having been Joint Whip since the Liberal debacle in 1913 on the unanimous and successive vote of my colleagues in the House of Commons, I do not feel inclined to continue in a subordinate position without my colleagues being consulted."

Moreover, I think it would be inconsistent with one's self-respect to serve under a Chief Whip who has not been eight weeks in the House or made his maiden speech."

Mr. Hogge's severance from official duties on the very eve of the session is much regretted, and there is no doubt that strong representations will be made to Mr. Asquith during the next few days.

UP WITH THE WHITE POTS
O' BONNIE DUNDEE!



Bring the sun of Spain
to your breakfast table
in the White Pot o'
Dundee—

—The new season's marmalade maintains Keiller's 125-years-old reputation for a real breakfast delicacy.

As usual, Keiller's secured the pick of the Spanish crop—full-flavoured tonic oranges, and these have been preserved at their best in the Keiller way.

Buy some Dundee White Pot Marmalade to-day—eat it straight from our White Pot, and you will certainly not trouble to make Marmalade yourself.

KEILLER'S DUNDEE WHITE POT MARMALADE

EVERY GOOD GROCER SELLS IT

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OF YOUR
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Make the hits do their bit. Add a packet of Edwards' Desiccated Soup and hot them up into a rich juicy stew.

E.D.S. is made in three varieties—Brown, White and Tomato. The Brown variety is prepared from best beef and garden vegetables. The other two are purely vegetable.

Sold in packets—2d. each. Also in tins—8d., 1/4, and 2/6.

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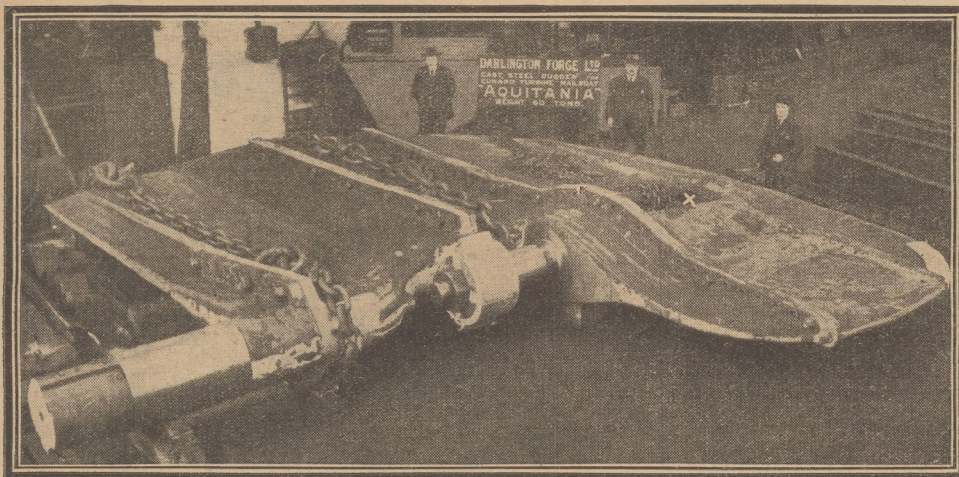
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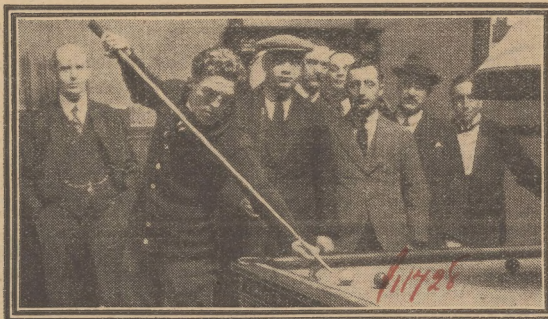
LINER'S EIGHTY-TON RUDDER WITH A DOOR IN ITS SIDE



The mighty steel rudder of the trans-Atlantic liner Aquitania in works at Darlington, where a part of the giant structure is being re-mowed. The rudder, which is of cast steel, weighs eighty tons and has a door (marked x) for inspection of the mechanism of the hinge. —(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Master Crow, a thirteen-years-old entrant in the table tennis championships, organised by *The Daily Mirror*, competing yesterday.



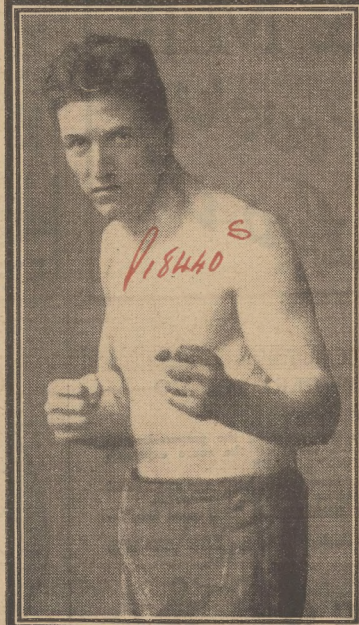
Kid Lewis playing "snooker" during an interval of training at Richmond.



Mr. Courice Pounds, who was yesterday awarded £750 against Mr. Peter Grawthorne, theatrical producer, for alleged breach of agreement.



TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Master Crow, with others of his family, practising at Messrs. Gamage's, where the preliminary heats of the All-England table tennis championships were played off yesterday.—(Daily Mirror.)



Roland Todd in sparring attitude.

LEWIS-TODD BOUT.—Lewis and Todd look forward keenly to their match on Thursday. Genuine photographs will appear in *The Daily Mirror*.

The Hall Mark of the Smart Woman.

By MIMOSA.

To be really smart a woman must convey the impression of being daintily fastidious regarding her personal belongings and appearance. Her hair and skin must look as though they retained the appearance of youthfulness as a result of cleanliness and care. This is impossible where the skin is spasmodically subjected to experiments with all sorts of preparations. The really smart woman will know what she is using, and those who follow this advice will use only simple, pure ingredients that can be procured in original packages. If the chemist does not have what you want he can easily obtain it for you, if you insist. In many instances you will find, however, that the articles you require are at hand in your own home.

"Clammy Hands."—After washing your hands, rub over them a little fuller's earth mixed with orange powder. I think you will find that this will help.

"Beauty's Cheeks."—Some face creams have a tendency to induce a growth of down on the face. You can be on the safe side by avoiding made-up creams, using instead, the natural merozilized wax. It will protect your face in motoring and holds the powder perfectly. It is the last word in smart, effective toilet luxury.

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"Velvet Skin."—Instead of several layers of face cream and powder try a solution of clemite. Get an ounce, dissolve it in four ounces of water and bathe face with the solution, rubbing it quite dry. You will have a "skin like velvet" effect that will last for hours.

"Scanty Locks."—Thick glossy curls of your own hair means devoting time to scrubbing and scalp massage, also an occasional use of hair tonic to keep the hair healthy. The best and simplest tonic is bay rum and boranum. Get about an ounce of boranum in a small original packet, mix it with 1-pint of bay rum. This will clear off any dandruff and materially aid in producing the desired result.

"Large Pores and Blackheads."—This is the formula: Obtain a few stymol tablets from the chemist and dissolve one in a cup of hot water, after the effervescence has subsided, dab the face using a small sponge. The result is quite startling. This is an excellent astringent. Used every day will close the enlarged pores and prevent wrinkles.

"Bloom of Health."—The use of rouge, if obvious, is rather vulgar. You can get over the difficulty and still have nice rosy cheeks by using powdered collodium. Get a small tin and apply a little with the tips of the fingers. It is quite harmless and its natural colour blends with the tint of the skin so its use can never be detected, if it is applied properly.

"In Bad Odour."—I do not know of any safe way to check excessive perspiration, but you can instantly kill the odour which is not only unpleasant to you, but to those about you, by applying a little powdered pearl.

"Cupid's Bow."—The best thing to use for your lips is just a stick of soft proclatum. Rub this over the lips and it will give them the desired colour and keep them soft and fresh.

"Superfluous Hair."—You can remove that undesirable down on your face with pheninol. Get an ounce and apply a little to the hair which can soon be rubbed off leaving the skin quite clear. It is very simple to use, and has the effect of so weakening the roots that the hair will not return.

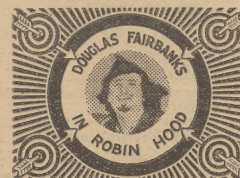
"Lac-lustre Hair."—If your hair is dull and lustreless after a shampoo, you are using something that is too soapy. Try just plain stallax. Get an original package as it is more economical. A teaspoonful in a cup of hot water for each shampoo is sufficient as it foams tremendously and rinses off easily, leaving the hair lustrous and fluffy with a dainty suggestion of perfume.

"Premature Greyness."—This trouble may be easily overcome, and the hair restored to its natural colour, by using concentrate of tannalite. Mix it with about the same quantity of bay rum, and apply with a small sponge.

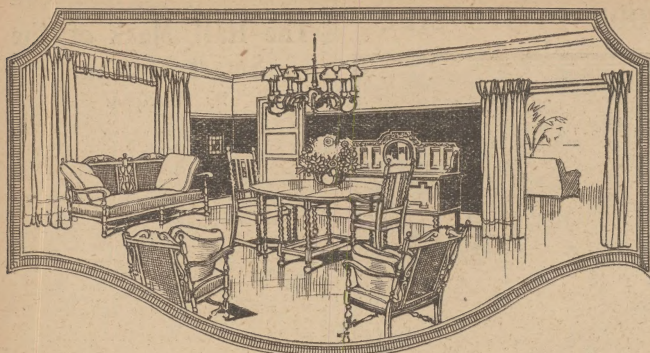
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T.W.M.



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"A Poisoned Sore came on my neck," says Mr. R. L. Jacob of 6, Octagon Street, Bethnal Green. "The place was inflamed and very irritable. In spite of doctor's treatment the sore got worse. Then I tried Zam-Buk, which soothed the pain, got rid of the poison and inflammation, and made the place clean and healthy again."

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Daily Mirror

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1923.

THE NEW SESSION.

YESTERDAY we wrote of the measures and policies that will have to be considered in the new session of Parliament from to-day.

But there is another interesting subject for guesswork whenever our orators are reunited; and that is the prospects of parties in the House of Commons.

As far as can be seen at present, the Labour Party is still proud of its place as the official Opposition.

"The function of an Opposition," as Lord Randolph Churchill used to say, "is to oppose." Evidently the Labour M.P.s intend to remember that maxim. They are prepared to disagree, on principle, with everybody else.

Their strength comes to them largely on account of the continued division amongst Liberals who have not yet had time to forget the past. For their own sakes, let Liberals proceed in the direction of reunion this session.

Mr. Lloyd George is credited with a desire to come to terms. Lord Grey serenely sits in the Upper House as sole leader of Liberals there—a favourable symptom. The rank and file will be only too glad to encourage "conversations" amongst their leaders.

Most of us would be glad to do away with unmeaning "groups" in the House of Commons. But even if the Liberal feud is settled, it may be some time before Liberals are able to "oppose" effectively.

Ex-Coalitionists cannot well attack the present Government for doing the very things they did when the Coalition was in office. And this Government, so far, has done little but follow the Coalition precedents, at home and abroad.

The main interest of the new session will be to show whether another reign has begun, or whether the former blunders are merely to be repeated in a feeble way.

THE LENTEN MOOD.

DOES the modern world need Lent, as a season of penance, any longer?

There is a theory that our duty rather is to cultivate cheerfulness in these days. We do not need to be reminded of our sins and sorrows. A period of deliberate optimism would be better for us all, says this school of preachers. It is harder to keep smiling than to give up cigarettes or meat.

Perhaps; but, after all, the average citizen doesn't bother much about Lent.

He is only reminded of its beginning to-morrow by the appearance on his plate, to-day, of that strange leathery nourishment, the pancake.

For the rest he goes on just the same, trying to pay his rates and taxes, and his private bills; trying to find a house or flat to live in; trying to "put by" for holidays; trying to believe in the spring and to keep from coughs and colds.

To such a man, thus struggling, thus competing, it does indeed seem unfair to go with a Lenten message of renounce!

The jazz section of the community—quite a small one—may be left aside. The others, if you tell them to renounce, will only reply: "Renounce what? They've taken it all away from us already, to pay for the Arabs of Mesopotamia and the Jews of the new Zion."

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 12.—In preparing beds and borders for spring, planting great care should be taken to improve the condition of the soil. Break up the ground deeply and mix in a moderate amount of decayed rich material. When heavy ground has to be dealt with, use plenty of leaf-mould and ashes from the garden fire. In old town gardens the soil is generally poor and exhausted and should be replaced by fresh turfy loam.

Vacant borders will be benefited by a dressing of lime this month. Lay it on the surface; in a few weeks' time it should be lightly forked in.

E. F. T.

OUR READERS ON THE RUHR.

A Selection from Thousands of Letters Sent in for Our Eight Million Marks Competition.

WHAT GREAT BRITAIN SHOULD DO.
WE print below a small number of the unavoidably rejected letters sent in by our readers in competition for our eight million marks prize:—

MORAL SUPPORT.

BRITAIN should morally support France in her occupation of the Ruhr, pending an appeal to the League of Nations for a ruling as to its international bearing.

The Permanent Court of International Justice is already in existence to settle matters of breach of contract, and could then, if re-

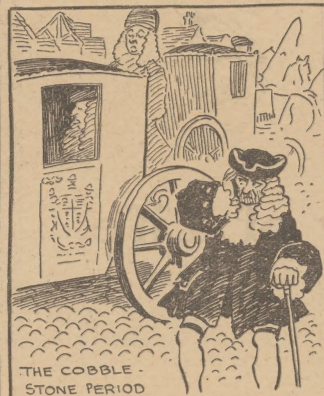
SYMPATHY.

I AM of opinion that Great Britain should back up France in her Ruhr policy—not directly, by military action, but by remaining in the background and giving moral support and sympathy only.

Until Germany pays up British industries, overburdened by taxation, will never be in a position to compete with German manufactures.

France is well able to exact adequate reparations by single-handed action on the Ruhr, and she will achieve this all the sooner if Great Britain will give, and continue to give, moral

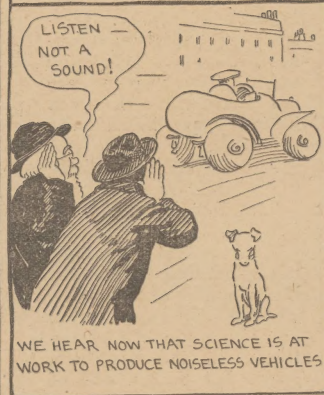
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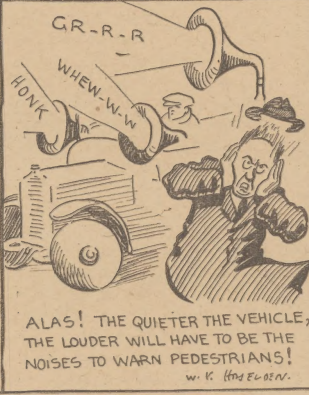
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ALAS! THE QUIETER THE VEHICLE, THE LOUDER WILL HAVE TO BE THE NOISES TO WARN PEDESTRIANS!

W. K. HASELBERG.

Probably the old days had nearly as much din to put up with as we have!

quested, reassess the indemnity, the method of payment and the means of security.

Backed by the judgment of this properly constituted authority, Britain could proceed in any measures suggested by the League; or should the Government desire further stiffening, popular opinion could be ascertained by referendum before taking action. ARTHUR KING, M.D., 20, Winn-road, Southampton.

EXPORTED COAL.

GREAT BRITAIN should support France by refusing to supply coal to Germany during the present crisis. By doing so she not only prolongs the struggle, but also damages her home trade. The enormously increased demand for export coal must automatically inflate the price, and once more cripple our reviving industries.

Britain having advocated her policy and made her protest should now, being in the minority, support her Allies in what is, after all, a common cause. MRS. CECIL AIDIN, Purley, near Reading.

GERMAN BLUFF.

LET the British Government be manly and do the right thing now—that is, notify France at once that, having by her swift action laid bare the baseness and bluff of Germany's last four years, France has convinced Europe and the world of Germany's ability to pay and her determination not to do so unless she is compelled.

Consequently, the British Government has reviewed its position and has decided to support the French scheme in principle.

This would bring security to France, peace in Europe, and the money would be paid!

Germany would save her country, and the Entente would be consolidated. WILLIAM T. SAURERD, Holme Pierrepont Rectory, Nottingham.

support and whole-hearted sympathy. The withholding of such will merely tend to delay France's success.

ARTHUR BOLLAERT ATKINS, 27, Park Hill-road, Sidcup.

BEYOND THE PALE.

FRANCE in occupying the Ruhr is entitled to Great Britain's frank and cordial moral support, because—

She is there in the interest of her Allies as well as of her own interests.

Her object is, for all, an urgent and an over-pressing one. The Reparations Commission is an Allied instrument under the Treaty of Versailles.

Its decisions, not Sir John Bradbury's opinions, are the Allied decisions. That Commission is behind France. Germany has placed herself beyond the pale of honourable communities by fraud and treachery.

BEATRICE RODDAM MCCARTHY, 127, Stanley-road, Teddington.

SECURITY.

GREAT BRITAIN must stand firm by the Rhine with her Army of Occupation, to show Germany that since France's eye is on reparations ours is on security.

Since the legality of the French occupation is questioned, and since Britain, France, Italy and Belgium are foremost members of the League of Nations, Great Britain should refer this point for immediate decision to the Permanent Court of International Justice, set up for this purpose.

Great Britain must show her unbending determination to use the League of Nations machinery—always—to prove to the world that arbitration is more costly than human sacrifice.

F. M. SAUNDERS, 135, Gladstone-road, London, N. 15.

WILL MODERN CITIES GROW QUIETER?

ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE OUR STREET NOISES.

By PHILIP HITCHIE.

ALMOST the worst trial to which we city dwellers are subjected is the incessant noise which devastates our nervous systems day and night.

It is a comfort, therefore, to know that experiments are being made to reduce the uproar of our cities. We are promised tube trains in which gentle conversation will be possible and motor-omnibuses with a velvet softness of approach.

It should be pointed out, however, that there are many difficulties in the way of these experiments.

At the present moment, except in Paris, where traffic is past praying for, the number of people who are injured in the streets is large, but perhaps not surprisingly so in view of the perils of our high-speed vehicles.

There would be more accidents still if it were not for the row which is made by trams and buses and which warns people of their approach.

Their natural noise, so to speak, is so great that they do not need the additional help of a horn or a siren to attract the notice of the inattentive pedestrian who blandly leaves the pavement in the manner of one about to take a stroll across a country meadow.

The quieter the natural noise made by a car, the louder must be the noise to warn us of its approach.

Bicycles, which are silent, are more dangerous in their approach than any other vehicle.

SILENT VEHICLES.

When all our traffic has attained the silent standard of the bicycle it will be necessary for bus drivers to let off pistols and for motor-lorries to hire those who return from dance at 2 a.m. to scream in their customary fashion in order to frighten the vague pedestrian into keeping out of the way.

The new noises, instead of being incessant, as now, would be intermittent and startling. The result would probably be worse than the present state of affairs.

Apart from the motor-cycle, the explosions of which can never have been paralleled in the history of man, it may be doubted whether the noise of cities is a very recent evil.

Writers such as Gay in the eighteenth century, and even Juvenal in Roman times, complain bitterly of the sound of cartwheels on the cobbled roads, and of the shrill voices of street criers advertising their wares. It is a curse which must always have existed.

Perhaps, as in many cases, the best way to remedy the trouble is to begin at home.

If the city man could be sure of a quiet evening it would do much to restore his nerves.

As it is, the day for him is a vast crescendo of noise—street traffic in the morning, and in the evening, when he gets home, screaming children, young ladies playing scales, and finally a realistic imitation of the traffic played by a jazz band on the gramophone.

Very likely our reformers would do best to start by inventing mufflers for the gramophone, and for infantile lungs.

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THEN AND NOW.

O.U.D.S. Memories — Augustus John's Memoirs — The Largest Cinema.

I NOTICE THAT MR. LLOYD GEORGE proposes to attack French policy in the Ruhr when the House of Commons meets to-day, but he will have some difficulty in getting over his declarations in May, 1921. At that time he was actually going to send British troops into the Ruhr because Germany had defaulted, and he told the House almost gleefully that without the Ruhr Germany could not exist. Since then Germany's attitude has grown worse, so how can he now criticise France?

Germany's Coal.

The length of time for which the Germans will be able to resist French pressure in the Ruhr must depend largely upon the amount of coal stored in unoccupied Germany. Immense quantities of coal were imported from Britain in the course of the last year; but it is uncertain whether the coal remained in Germany or was passed on to Russia.

Leave the Dead Alone!

Protests against the removal of the bodies of the ancient kings of Egypt from their tombs come at the very moment when we are objecting to the proposal of the Turks, who want to disturb our graveyards at Gallipoli. After what lapse of time are human remains no longer sacred? Once in this very Valley of the Tombs of the Kings, near Luxor, I was appalled at being shown the mummified corpse of one of the Pharaohs with its head illuminated by electricity!

Augustus John Remembers.

Mr. Augustus John is, I hear, writing his memoirs. They should prove interesting reading. Mr. John is one of the most distinctive figures in the art world of to-day, and Chelsea would hardly seem complete without him. He has a varied circle of acquaintances, ranging from Cabinet Ministers to gipsies, and is equally at home in a West-end drawing-room or in a Bohemian night club.

Twenty Years at Lambeth.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has just completed twenty years at Lambeth, is one of the "Grand Old Men" of the Church. He is endowed with a marvellous vitality. Some years ago, when he lay between life and death, his medical attendant, Sir Thomas Barlow, said to Canon Benham: "He will get well, because he is so calm and patient. A good many would go under, but he will not."

Duty and Pleasure!

There is a lot of coming and going in London these days. Those whose public duties call them are returning to London for the opening of Parliament, but others without such ties are profiting by the rate of exchange and are hurrying abroad. Lady Norreys and her daughter, Miss Alexa Bertie, are leaving for the Riviera this week.

"George."

Sir Alfred Mond, who entertained some ex-Ministers at dinner at his house last night, is one of those who always refer to the ex-Prime Minister as "George" when speaking of him, and so does the editor of the *Spectator* when writing of him! Most people know him as Lloyd George, and consequently it rather takes one by surprise to hear what sounds like a Christian name being used.



Lady Mond.

For the Session.

Sir Berkeley and Lady Sheffield will be in town for the parliamentary session, as Sir Berkeley is once more an M.P. Lady Sheffield is a member of the de Brien family, who own much property in Holland, but are well known in London society.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

Dutch Rejoicings.

There are to be great rejoicings in Holland in a few months, for then Queen Wilhelmina celebrates the twenty-fifth year of her reign. All the canals are to be decorated, and generally the Dutch are preparing to have a gay time—in which they hope foreigners will go and take part!

Spring in Advance.

Brighton was packed for the week-end. There was not a cloud in the sky, and people walked about without their overcoats. It seemed as if spring had come—which it had, really, for our South Coast on a fine day is well in advance of the calendar. The Metropole, as usual, housed a lot of well-known people, amongst whom I noticed Viscount Churchill and Sir Fairfax Cartwright, who used to be our Ambassador in Vienna.

Eve and "Atmosphere."

The Metropole people claim that the lighting and decoration of their new ballroom and restaurant is "a perfect imitation of a summer day." The idea comes from the Riviera (where it is not always fine!), and it has been found in the South of France that all the women go to the places where this artistic "atmosphere" prevails. The secret of the soft, becoming light is that scores of small lamps are reflected by an enormous gold "sun" which is painted in the centre of a blue "sky."

Repertory Theatre Celebration.

I hear that the tenth anniversary of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre is to be celebrated by a revival of John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln," which was first produced there on October 12, 1918, and subsequently ran for a year at Hammersmith. The original Abe, Mr. William J. Rea, is not available—in fact, he is to appear in the same author's "Cromwell." Mr. Cyprian Matthews will, therefore, have the honour of playing the lead in the revival. There are fifty speaking parts in "Lincoln."



Mr. Barry Jackson.

Money and Art.

Mr. Barry Jackson, who built the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, is a man who has been able to devote wealth made out of trade to the fostering of the non-commercial drama. I am told that his repertory theatre does not hold enough money to pay even when it is packed. But it is Mr. Jackson's enterprise which sent "The Immortal Hour" to London, and that unique work ought, by now, to be making money.

Thirty-Eight Years Ago.

When "Henry IV." was produced at Oxford thirty-eight years ago the audience included a Bishop, two Deans, Lord Coleridge, Lord Ronald Gower, Oscar Wilde and Jowett, the famous Master of Balliol. The present Archbishop of York recited the prologue, which was written by Lord Curzon, and the players included Arthur Bouchier (founder of the O.U.D.S.), H. V. Page, the cricketer, Holman Clark and the Hon. G. D. Coleridge, who took the part of Sir John Falstaff.

Original Members.

Among the original members of the O.U.D.S. were Canon Adderley, the founder of the Philothesians, to whom as much as anyone else is due the victory of the drama in Oxford; Mr. W. L. Courtney, Lord Kenyon, of Christ Church, and B. P. Lascelles, of Magdalen. Canon Adderley's "The Fight for the Drama at Oxford," now out of print, is a fascinating record of the early struggles with the Vice-Chancellor.

Spring at Hampton Court.

A visit to Hampton Court would well repay the trouble of the journey. Despite the fact that it is still only mid-February, the crocuses are in full bloom, and their golden radiance seems to betoken a promise of the early coming of the sunshine and the spring.

Cromwell or Crumb-well?

A point in favour of "crumb well" as the correct pronunciation of Cromwell—it was the custom of cavaliers to place a crumb of bread on their tongues before drinking and to say: "God send this crumb well down!"

America's Cinema King.

Mr. S. L. Rothapel, the American cinema magnate, has left London after his brief holiday in England, which included a trip to the South Coast. Mr. Rothapel is the owner of the largest theatre. He told me that his Capitol in New York seats 5,300 people. It has the largest organ in the world, an orchestra of eighty-five, a ballet of thirty, a chorus of 100—and a hospital, with doctors and nurses. I suppose that however bad the film is there are means of recovery!

Seeking Ideas.

Talking of English cinema theatres, Mr. Rothapel said that, in his opinion, the Regent at Brighton was the nearest thing we had in this country to the super-cinema in America. I believe, as a matter of fact, that some of the staff from the Regent are going to New York to see whether the Capitol is such a wonderful place as it is made out to be. If so, we shall see the result here.

Aged Undergraduates.

At the age of something over sixty, Mr. Harry Paintin, the archaeologist, has become an Oxford undergraduate. I am reminded that middle-aged undergraduates were once numerous at that Magdalen Hall which afterward became Hertford College. There is a rhyme on the subject, which speaks of:—

A scholar of Magdalen Hall,

Who knew next to nothing at all,

He was fifty-three.

When he took his degree:

He was youngish for Magdalen Hall.

Poverty of G. R. Sims.

A meeting of some old friends of the late George R. Sims is to be held at the Eccentric Club this afternoon to organise a fund to make some provision for his widow, who has been left practically unprovided for. This will come as a surprise to many who imagined that Dagonet was a wealthy man, as his long career as journalist, dramatist and storyteller was one of popular success all along the line. What can have happened?



Latest portrait of Miss Peggy O'Neil, who is playing in "Plus Four" at the Haymarket Theatre.



Sir John Bland-Sutton, who is to deliver the Hunterian Oration at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Man of the Street!

A street in Sofia is to be called after Mr. Bouchier, the newspaper correspondent. He was a brother of Mr. Arthur Bouchier, and was for some years an Eton master, but quitted that position because he was getting deaf and found that his infirmity made it difficult for him to maintain discipline. He was the real architect of the Balkan Confederation, which made war on Turkey in 1912.

Essex Gardens.

Mr. Lionel Faudel-Phillips is the present owner of Stisted, once the property of the late Major Sebag-Montefiore. The gardens are a feature of the place, and though Essex is considered a bleak county, many delicate shrubs grow there, as well as in the South.

Red Earrings.

I notice that the fashion of wearing long, drooping earrings is with us to-day. Lady Londonderry has always had a penchant for this particular form of jewellery, and she has some lovely ruby ones. Red is a favourite colour of Lady Londonderry's, and she is one of the fair women who look especially well in it.

No More Confetti.

There are to be no more confetti in Paris. The Prefect of Police has decreed their disappearance. They have had a run of rather more than thirty years, having been launched at a ball at the Casino de Paris in the winter of 1890. The patent of the machinery for making them was sold for 25,000 francs.

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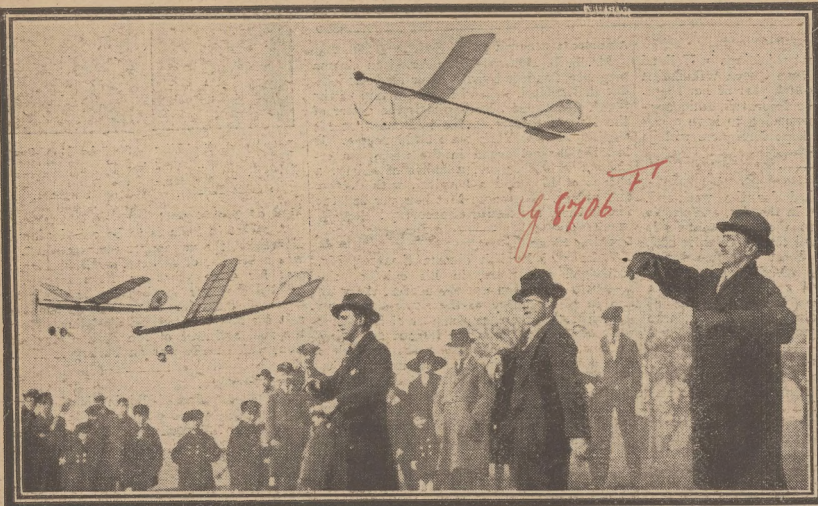
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Model gliders started on a flight at Parliament Hill, London, where tests are being held by the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers. These flights are a great delight to children in the fields.

THE LATEST IN PARIS



A kerchief of more than masculine size is here pressed into service to swathe a hat for milady, and proves most becoming. — (Mercy.)



LAST ACT OF DEVOTION.—Major-General O'Daly (right), of the Irish Army, and (left) his brother, Captain O'Daly, bearing the coffin of their mother to her grave at Glasnevin Cemetery.



WED AT EIGHTY.—Mr. Edward English, ex-miner, aged eighty, of Houghall, Durham, helps his bride of sixty-nine with the washing.



Lieut.-Colonel W. J. Cooke, Collis, is appointed Military Governor of Ceylon with special powers if British are attacked.



Another instance of the new use for a handkerchief, here draped about a hat of grey felt.



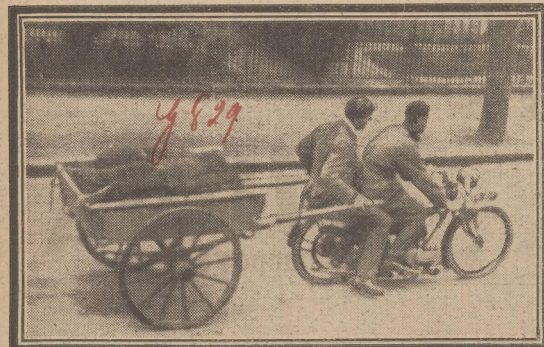
THE LATEST SCOOTER.—The newest thing in scooters, the machine being propelled by an arm movement similar to that in rowing. Steering is done with the feet.



"PADRE OF RAINS."—Father J. S. Ricard, director of the observatory at Santa Clara University, California. He is a famous astronomer and is known as the "Padre of Rains."



WEDDED TO BEAUTY.—Mr. Frank Jay Gould, American millionaire and tennis champion, has married in Paris Miss Florence Lacaze, famous some time ago as the greatest beauty of the American stage.



ANOTHER TURF PROBLEM SOLVED.—A labour-saving device adopted by a Cambridge motor-cyclist for the transport of turf for a tennis lawn. This was a novelty even for the "City of Cycles."

A costume from pressed in navy with green floss imparts q



WOMAN DIPLOMAT.—Stancioff, First Secretary, Legation in Washington, yesterday in London.

HIONS FOR THE SPRING

EIGHTY-SIX AND STILL TEACHING SINGING



A neat little toque, the brim of which is circled by a dainty array of flowers fashioned most effectively of ribbon. (Mercy.)



The fashionable high crown and narrow brim exemplified by a smart model in the straw.



J. Ray, who at Brooklyn has made three world's records for indoor running, the 11 miles, 3,000 yards and two miles.



Although she is eighty-six years old, Mrs. Gee, of Barking-road, Plaistow, still practises her profession of a teacher of singing, and is here seen with a class. She sings in English, French and Italian.



ANCIENT GLASS. Glass from Whitefriars, taken from a crucible was exposed to coal at the Paris Exhibition of 1867.



DEFEAT FOR ELLIS ISLAND.—Mr. James Dale (left), the English actor, on his way with his attorney to Ellis Island, where he successfully resisted proceedings for his deportation from America.



FAIRBANKS JUNIOR.—Douglas Fairbanks, junior, with his mother, Mrs. Beth Evans, who was Douglas Fairbanks' first wife. His ambition, he declares, is to outdo his father's film feats of daring.



ROUND POND SALVAGE.—Mr. John Hassall, the famous artist, searching for a model ship amongst a number that have been salvaged from the Round Pond, Kensington Gardens.



EASILY CHAMPION.—Miss Gladys Robinson, of Toronto, easily winning the half-mile women's skating championship at Chicago. Miss Elsie Muller, of New York, was second.



A RUSHING FLOOD.—This picturesque waterfall is the overflowing of a Dorsetshire river which has flooded a wide area near Bridport. Roads are turned into rivers and fields into lakes.

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MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

One of the rules we begin to learn very early in life is that it is very unwise, and sometimes rather dangerous, to make personal remarks about other people. For instance, I have heard very small boys and girls, when at a party, say to their mothers: "Oh, why is uncle's head like an egg?" or (worse still) "Why is So-and-so's nose so red?" A sharp rebuke, and possibly a slapping, nearly always follow such remarks as these.

No doubt, to a seven-year-old, the fact that uncle has not so much hair on his head as other men is of very great interest; he or she, how-

ever, has yet to learn that although one may think a thing it is often very foolish to speak that thought aloud.

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Of course, you and I know that it is there is one thing a boy hates, it is having his curls talked about—that is, if he is unlucky enough to possess any. He is willing to fight anybody on sight who dares say a word about them.

I can speak feelingly on the subject of curls because, when I was young, I had long curls that reached down to my shoulders. "What pretty curls he has!" said all my relations. "What a sweet little boy he looks!" Grrrr! How I hated my curls! What a blissful day it was when I went to the hairdressers and felt the cool scissors snipping them off!

However, I am rather wandering from my subject. You see, from Squeak's experience, that it is sometimes unwise to say even nice things about people. So, best of all, it is safest to think "your thoughts" and say nothing whatever about it.

Your affectionate
Uncle Dick.

THE PANCAKE "GREASE."

Annual Fight for the "Dough" at Westminster.

TO-DAY, as you know, is Shrove Tuesday, the celebrated day on which the pancake is cooked, tossed and eaten.

There is, however, at least one pancake in England that will not be eaten. That is the "dough" which will be tossed at Westminster School.

For years past the old ceremony of tossing the pancake has been performed at Westminster School. The boys call it the "pancake grease"—"grease" meaning crowd or scrum.

Twenty picked heroes from the upper school are ranged in a line under an iron bar. Then, at half-past twelve, the head arrives, shortly followed by the cook, in spotless cap and apron, bearing the pancake on a frying pan, and led by the verger, with his silver niace—to give the ceremony due gravity.

At the signal the pancake is tossed over the bar, and the twenty heroes fall on it, each striving to seize the largest piece. At last the winner emerges from the "grease," hugging to his heart the greater part of the "dough."

He is awarded a guinea by the dean. The rough-and-tumble is not always confined to the boys. If the cook fails to toss the pancake over the bar the boys are allowed to throw books at him. He, however, is allowed to run away—as a special privilege!

Some time ago a rumour was started that the "dough" is not a real pancake at all, but a "dummy" made of putty and horseshair. The Westminster boys indignantly deny this libel—but I have my doubts!

JOKES AND CONUNDRUMS

BURGLAR (pointing pistol at victim's head): What would you say if I were to blow off your head for not handing over your valuables? Victim (nervously): Not a word, sir—not a word!

What is Cowes noted for?—Milk.

What colour does a sound whipping make a naughty boy?—It makes him yell "Oh!" (yellow).

Why is "yes" like a hill?—Because it is an ascent (assent).

Why does a hen cross the road?—To get to the other side.

Master: Jones minor, describe what "silence" Jones minor (hopefully): It's what you don't hear when you listen.

What vegetable does a talkative person's tongue remind you of?—A scarlet runner.

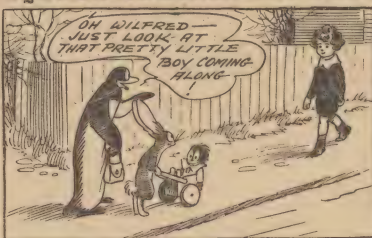
What pen is never dipped in the ink?—A sheep-pen.

PRIZEWINNERS.

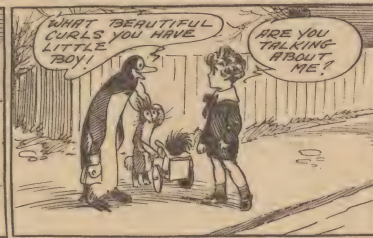
Results "Old Friends Competition," announced Jan. 27: First Prize (£2 10s.)—R. Simmons (age 10), New Hythe. Second Prize (£2)—W. Warner (age 14), S.E.27. Third Prize (£1 10s.)—A. Adams (age 15), Bristol.

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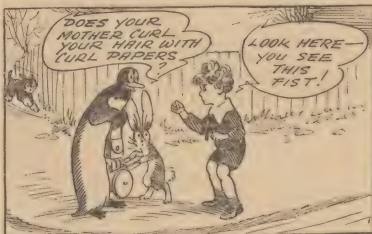
SQUEAK ADMIRES BOY'S CURLS AND GETS INTO TROUBLE



1. While out with Wilfred, Squeak saw a little boy with curly hair coming towards them.



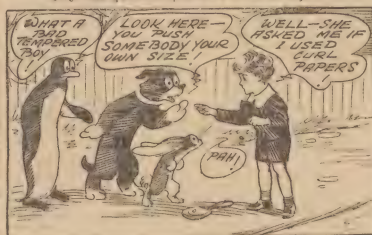
2. "What a pretty boy you are!" she said, as he came up. "And what lovely curls!"



3. "Does your mother curl your hair?" she asked. She was quite surprised when the boy—



4.—feeling very angry, gave her a sharp push. Pip came tearing to the rescue.



5. He soon stopped the quarrel and found out what all the trouble was about.



6. "It's your fault, Squeak," said Pip. "You shouldn't make personal remarks."

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SHE FOLLOWED HER NOSE.

There was an old woman of Kent, Whose nose was remarkably bent, That she followed her nose, For they do not know which way she went!

One day a young fellow named Fane Fell asleep in a field down the lane; When he dreamt that he saw A big, wicked jackdaw Flying off with his gold watch and chain.

Both these funny little limericks were sent in by readers. Do you know any?

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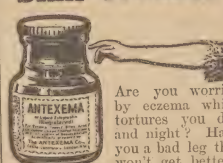
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Robin lends him the money and then starts on his holiday. One day, while resting by the road-side, he is observed by a beautiful girl. Taking him for a tramp, she taunts him with his laziness and finally offers him work.

He accepts the offer and then finds that the girl, whose name is Elaine Farrell, lives at a fine old Elizabethan house. He sees her father, and after being engaged as chauffeur's assistant learns that a visitor, a Mr. Rawley, is expected.

To his amazement Rawley turns out to be none other than Duhlan, the blackmailer! Luckily he had never seen Robin before, though the latter had seen him.

Rawley knows that the man whom everyone thinks is Elaine's father, Sir Geoffrey Farrell, is really an impostor named Collinor. He taunts Collinor with this, and threatens to expose him.

Finally he promises to keep silent, but the price of such silence is to be Elaine's hand in marriage. The girl, of course, is quite unaware of this.

Meanwhile Elaine finds Robin a home with an elderly couple named Biggs, who live in a small cottage. Bessie, Elaine's maid, takes a liking to Smith. This annoys Purvis, the chauffeur, who loves Bessie.

Rawley and his sister Nina come to visit Sir Geoffrey and the girl appears surprised to see Smith. She feels certain she has seen him before and suspects that he is Marchant.

Smith sees Farrell visit a lonely cottage where he meets a girl and a tall, strange-looking man. Various incidents occur to rouse Smith's suspicions of Farrell. The latter tries to compel Elaine to marry Rawley, but she refuses.

Smith comes to Elaine's rescue, when Rawley persists in trying to make love to her, and gives the man a thrashing.

Owing to a misunderstanding Elaine and Bessie think that Smith is in love with the little maid. He manages to explain that such is not the case.

A MAN OF MYSTERY.

"IF I thought for one moment that that poor little soul really cared for me I'd ask her to marry me, but then, hang it! that wouldn't be fair to poor old Purvis, who loves the ground she walks on. Oh, what a muddle, what a muddle!"

"Young man, hev 'ee got a match about 'ee?" asked a voice.

Smith started and came back to earth. Where was he? How far had he come? He recognised the place. There against the moonlight stood the decrepit signboard with the solitary drooping arm, below it a dark figure and a bicycle.

"Well, can't 'ee answer, or be 'ee all moon-struck?" Moonstruck, I expect. The full moon always affects me strangely.

"Well, it bain't a full moon, though 'ee be a fool all the same," said the voice sharply. "Hev 'ee got a match?"

He produced one amiably. Her lamp had jolted out, so he relighted it and by the light of the match he saw her face and recognised in her the young woman who had met them in the rutty lane and whom he had seen Sir Geoffrey Farrell embrace.

"Well, who be 'ee staring at?" "I beg your pardon," he said, "but beauty was made to look at and to admire."

"Oh, go on!" The voice was less sharp. There was a touch of coquetry in it. "Be 'ee from London?"

"No." "I thought so." She leaned against her bicycle.

Smith was racking his brains. Purvis had told him about her, had suggested that she might be already married to Sir Geoffrey Farrell, and that her name was Nell Cartwright.

Meanwhile she was looking at him, but although he stood full in the moonshine, clearly she did not recognise him as the young man who had driven Sir Geoffrey Farrell's car.

"On the tramp, I reckon," she seemed in no hurry to mount the bicycle and ride away.

He nodded. "Taking things easily," he said. "You live about here possibly?"

She jerked her head towards the lane.

"Down there. It's a rotten hole, and gets on your nerves."

"It's a shame," he said, "that a girl like you should be forced to live in a place like this."

She laughed, for this young man pleased her. "I bain't such a girl."

"Eighteen—nineteen?" he suggested.

She laughed again. Yes; she certainly liked this young man.

"What would 'ee say if I told 'ee I was twenty-five?"

"Nonsense! I couldn't believe it." Nor could he, for he remembered Purvis had told him she was thirty.

"Well, I be," "It is hard to believe. And you live here, you say?"

Again she jerked her head towards the lane. "But not for long," she said. "I'm living here for a bit because it pays me. Later on there'll be a surprise for some of 'em."

Smith was interested. He wanted to ask some questions, but hesitated.

Yes, she went on, eager to advertise her triumph to this stranger. "A fair smack in the eye for some of 'em when I turns up 'my lady'."

"Eh?" "Oh, you don't believe it. Well, it don't matter; yet it is true. Next time we meet, if we ever do, 'ee'll touch your hat to me and 'my lady' me, 'ee will."

"I am sure you deserve your luck." "Luck!" she said scornfully. "Is what I've worked for. Good-night!" She sprang on her machine; there was a jingle of a loose bell, and she was gone.

"So Purvis was right," thought Smith. "She's to be 'my lady' and a new mother for 'Alaine.' The thought did not please him.

He turned down the lane, strode along its rutty surface, and presently was knocking on the door of the solitary cottage.

Again it was opened to him by the tall, kindly-eyed man.

"She has just gone out," he said. "I know. I came to have a chat with you, unless you dislike the idea."

"You are welcome. Sometimes it is very lonely here; it reminds me of—" Again that strange uncertainty, as though he had come to a barrier which he could not pass.

He turned back into the room, leaving the sentence unfinished. Smith followed him.

"You are very out of the world here."

"Yes, I see no one except her—and him."

"Him?" "The man who tells me that I once saved his life. But I don't remember. I am looking for a book, but again I can't remember."

He sat down and stared at his visitor. "Do I know you?"

"No," said Smith. "I am a stranger."

"But you look friendly."

"I have no other feeling towards you. I have an idea I might somehow help you, although I don't know how."

"Do you ever try to remember?"

"I don't know that there is anything in my past I am very anxious to recall."

"Sometimes," said the other dreamily, "it seems—as if I were coming back to me. It is as if a heavy curtain was being slowly raised higher, higher, higher. I see light beyond. I know the beyond is memory waiting for me, to tell me those things that I want to know."

"And then?" said Smith.

"Then I tell her, and she makes me drink that." He pointed to a bottle on the shelf.

Smith went to it, took out the cork and smelt the contents. "Fine old champagne brandy," he read on the label.

"She makes me drink it. She says I must or I shall be ill, so I do. But when I drink it, the curtain falls again, thicker, blacker, heavier than ever."

Smith stood in the little room and looked about him. He saw a tapers, forgotten, standing on the hob. Then an idea came to him. He took the bottle of brandy, went to the door and carefully poured the spirit into the moist earth. Then he partly filled the empty bottle from the tapers on the hob.

The man had not watched him, had seemed to forget his presence. He sat there, eyes open, hands clasped, and Smith, having performed his

task, stood watching him, watching the fine face, that seemed to hold some curious, faint memory, some strange note familiar to him.

A curious business," he thought. "It wants thinking out."

This man had lost his memory. Sometimes the curtain seemed about to lift, and then the woman—the woman he had been talking to—boasted that she would astonish the village presently, doped him with brandy, and memory died out again.

"Collinor!" Smith said, sharply. The man sitting there did not move, and gave signs of having heard. "Collinor!" repeated Smith.

The man seemed to be away in a land of dreams. Then Smith had a sudden flash of inspiration.

The man started and looked up. "Yes!" he said. "Good heavens!" said Smith to himself. Silence for a moment; then Smith spoke again and his voice shook.

"Your name, then, is Farrell?" "I don't remember. No. How can it be? His name is Farrell."

"But you answered me just now."

"Did I? I did not know. One doesn't remember. The black curtain is down—all the time, and then when it lifts she makes me—makes me—Did I tell you?"

He was away, wandering, his mind gone. There was nothing more to gain, no more to hear.

"Good-night," said Smith, but the man did not hear him. He sat there with folded hands and did not look up as Smith went out.

"FOLLOW MY LEADER!"

THERE were many thoughts in Smith's brain —thoughts that did not make sleep possible. As he could not sleep, why go to bed? He did not. He sat on a bank under a hedge, lighted his pipe, and thought.

And then presently he heard the jingle of a bicycle bell, and remembered the woman. He expected to see her flash by him, but she did nothing of the kind. She came by, slowly wheeling the machine.

"Why," he reflected, "it was hours since she started for the village." He took out his watch and was about to strike a match to look at it when he heard steps close to him.

Very soft the footfalls were, as the man approached, keeping to the grass beside the road. Smith lay back, pretending to be asleep, yet he kept his eyes open.

But the man did not see him. He was intent

on his quarry, the woman wheeling the disabled bicycle. He passed on without glancing round.

Smith sat up and stared after the dim and distant figure. "Rawley!" he muttered.

Down the road went the woman with the bicycle, along the edge of the road Rawley followed her. Some score of yards behind Rawley came Smith—interested, watchful, alert.

"Follow my leader!" he thought. "I suppose I ought to call Rawley names, but as I'm doing the same thing myself—"

Rawley came to the signpost and turned down the lane.

Remembering the gate in the hedge whereon he had sat that day and had observed Sir Geoffrey embracing the lady of the bicycle, Smith when he came to it climbed over, dropped on to the other side, and ran softly along under the hedge.

He came to the clearing first. He saw the woman arrive and put the bicycle into a shed, and he heard her mutter to herself, "Drat the rotten thing!"

The light was still burning in the cottage window. She went to the door, opened it, entered and slammed it after her.

And then came Rawley, creeping cautiously past the rubbish heap and the faggots and fallen trunks. He made his way into the window and, stooping down, peered into the room.

"You sneaking brute!" thought Smith. He came out from his hiding place, and crept up to the unsuspecting Rawley.

There was a sudden grip on Rawley's neck, a crash of breaking glass, and Rawley's head was forcibly projected into the room through the window through which he had been spying. And then Smith turned and fairly bolted.

"Anyhow, the brute didn't see me," he thought.

Smith finished the night under a hedge. He smoked his pipe and watched the grey of dawn creep up.

And now the sun was up, the new day was here. He rose, stretched himself, went to a pond hard by and thrust his head into the water. Then he walked on.

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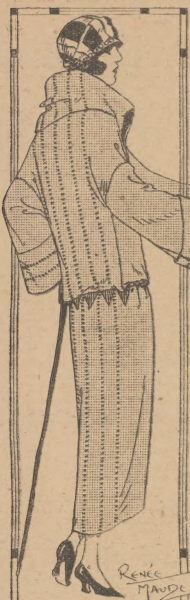


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LADIES' MIRROR

MITTEN SLEEVES—LOOPED HATS AND HOOPS.



SOME of the new spring fashions have already been launched during the last few days and have, on the whole, met with at least feminine approval—and at any rate I haven't heard of any outcry from the sex whose cheerful business it is to scold and look pleasant and pay the bills!

SLEEVES.

It is worth noting that sleeves are definitely longer, so that frocks of the afternoon and what the French call demi-toilette variety are not content with sleeves that end at the wrist, but add mitten-like affairs of lace that extend to the finger-tips.

NOT BEAUTIFUL.

It is also worth noting by she who prides herself on being always in advance of the fashion, that the wholly sleeveless frock is waning into unpopularity. The newest models, designed for evening as well as afternoon wear, show the barest inch or two of sleeve just covering the upper part of the arm, which I have never yet heard described as entirely beautiful.

PLEASING MEMORIES.

For the rest of last week's "try-outs" we are left with a not unpleasant memory of smaller and much looped hats; fuller skirts with a hint of hooped effects; silhouettes that are not quite so close and clinging; an indication of the return of the waist, and really delightful walking suits that wrap trimly over to one side, giving a "line" that is very pleasing and not so exaggeratedly low.

Stitched effects are still very popular, and the "line" is not so exaggeratedly low.



Large square sleeves are a fashionable fancy and small hats have tassels composed of large coloured stones.

PHILLIDA.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

Formal Consent by the King at Privy Council Meeting Yesterday.

There was a distinguished gathering at Buckingham Palace yesterday, on the occasion of a Privy Council for the purpose of the declaration by the King of his consent to the marriage of the Duke of York with Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

His Majesty had already approved the betrothal, but under the Royal Marriages Act of 1772 it is necessary for the Sovereign formally to declare his consent to the marriage of a member of the Royal Family.

This was done in the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Chamberlain and the Home Secretary.

SHIPPING CHIEF DEAD.

Son of Millionaire Founder of Leyland and Bibby Lines.

The death occurred in London yesterday of Mr. Frank Bibby, C.B.E., chairman of the Bibby Line of Steamships. Born in 1850, he was the only son of the millionaire founder of the Leyland and Bibby Steamship Lines.

He enjoyed great popularity as an all-round sportsman, and twice won the Grand National, while in the steeplechase world he came into prominence by winning the Grand Setton with Kirkland in 1902, since which time many achievements have been placed to his credit.

He had the honour of entertaining King Edward at Mamore Forest Lodge, which estate possesses one of the finest deer forests in Scotland.

He married in 1890 a daughter of Major-General Sir Stanley de Astel Calvert Clarke, by whom he is survived. In 1911, as an appreciation of his eleven years' Mastership of the North Shropshire Hounds, he was presented with his portrait, painted by Mr. Luke Fildes.

BRITAIN'S MEAT SUPPLY.

A comprehensive survey of the meat industry, in so far as it concerns the British Isles and overseas colonies, is given by Mr. George E. Putnam, in his book, "Supplying Britain's Meat," which is published by Messrs. Harrap and Co.

Mr. Putnam is a distinguished economist, and it is the economical aspect of the meat trade problems and their relation to transatlantic commerce with which he is chiefly concerned.

The book is illustrated with excellent and interesting photographs.

MUSIC TEACHER AT 86.

Woman Who Sings, Speaks French and Italian and Plays the Piano-forte.

At a house in Barking-road, Plaistow, lives a woman of eighty-six, who teaches pianoforte and singing. She is Mrs. Gee, and often during the lessons she herself sings in English, French and Italian. She also instructs pupils in the French language.

For seventy years Mrs. Gee has followed her profession, having given her first lessons at the early age of fifteen.

She has now about forty-five pupils, including several married men and women, and all of them are noticeably fond of her. Indeed, despite her advanced years she radiates health, energy and good humour.

To *The Daily Mirror*, yesterday she sang "Home Sweet Home," with much sweetness and pathos, playing her own accompaniment. The rooms in which she lives are a shop divided into two parts. At the back she sleeps and cooks, and the front portion serves as a music room.

WHEN WERE YOU BORN?

"Daily Mirror" Chart That Tells You Exact Day of the Week.

To-day may be the anniversary of your birthday, yet you may have forgotten the exact day of the week upon which you were born. If so, consult the chart printed below.

First find your age to-day in one of the lines in the chart. On the same line will be found the actual day of your birth:—

5	16	22	28	34	39	45	50	56	62	67	73	78	84	Wed.
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2	8	14	19	25	31	36	42	47	53	58	64	70	75	81	Sun.
3	9	15	21	27	33	38	44	49	55	60	66	72	77	83	Sat.
4	10	16	22	28	34	39	45	50	56	61	67	73	78	84	Fri.
6	12	18	24	30	35	41	46	52	57	63	68	74	79	85	Thurs.
7	13	19	25	31	36	42	47	53	58	64	69	75	80	86	Mon.

In each issue of *The Daily Mirror* will be published the chart applying to the day of issue. The chart is copyright.

BLAZING DRESS TRAGEDY.

Edna Coxell (sixteen), a domestic servant, died at Grimsby yesterday as the result of a burning accident. Her dress caught fire and she rushed into the street enveloped in flames. A passer-by threw an overcoat around her and took her to hospital.

Labour "Dons."—Colonel J. Wedgwood, M.P., and Mr. W. M. Adamson, M.P., have been appointed governors of Birmingham University.

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A LEWES DOUBLE.

England's Fight in Fourth Test—Soccer Trial at New Cross.

There was a miscellaneous programme of sport in progress yesterday, including racing at Birmingham, the international Association football trial match on the Millwall ground at New Cross, and the fourth Test match between England and South Africa at Johannesburg. Features of the day were:

Racing.—Conjuror II, ridden by Mr. Dewhurst, gained a runaway victory in the Stayers' Chase.

Football.—England beat South 1-0 in the international trial match at New Cross.

Cricet.—Sandham and Russell put on 153 for England's first wicket in the Test match, but following the tea interval three wickets fell very cheaply.

CONJUROR'S CANTER.

L. Butchers Rides Two Winners—Some Hints for 10-day.

Conjuror II, made many new friends for the Grand National by strolling away with the Stayers' Chase at Birmingham yesterday, for if he had him to be accomplished the business in exemplary style.

My Rath, meeting the Hedgesford horse on 5lb. worse terms than he will have to at Aintree, proved a poor second favourite, and his chance of turning the tables in the big race appears very remote on this form.

The consistent Winter Voyage helped Royal Chancellor to set a good goal, and in the early stages, and both were pulled up remarkably fresh when they turned into the straight.

Mr. Dewhurst, however, was obviously very comfortable on the favourite, and sending him

SELECTIONS FOR BIRMINGHAM

1.45.—VOXOL. 3.15.—SPOT FIVE.
2.15.—MANSTER PARK. 3.45.—AISLE.
2.45.—ABRETTA.
DOUBLE EVENT FOR 10-DAY.
*ABRETTA and AISLE.

to the front two fences from home, went on to win very easily from Royal Chancellor, one of the despised outsiders of the small party.

Considering the holding state of the going and the long journey—three miles and three furlongs—Conjuror II, pulled up remarkably fresh. My Rath completed the course, but he was the last to come in, behind One.

FAMILY DOUBLE.

Z.Z. gave a welcome twist to the bad luck that has dogged Mrs. Brownlee's colours lately by taking the Small Heath Hurdle and his stable companion, Dina, completed a double for the Butchers family with a clever win in the Long Distance Hurdle.

E. Arnold, the old Worcestershire cricketer, ran St. Elot in the Seller, and boxing was represented by Jimmy Wild in the Judge. Neither, however, could hold Z.Z. who used the favourite, Golden Gorse, in no uncertain manner.

Dina also upset general anticipations in the Long Distance Hurdle, since the race was generally voted a going thing for Asquith. Neither, neither Golden Melody nor Dinah Morris put in an appearance.

Assaroe held out distinct hopes approaching the last hurdle, but L. Butchers brought Dina along with a well-timed run on the flat, and getting up in the last few strides, won a fine race by a neck.

South Lodge and Annemey also treated the spectators to a thrilling finish in the Stewin "Chase." F. Brooks squeezing the former home by a head.

WRANGLE ATONES.

Wrangle atoned for expensive failure at Warwick in the Gravelly Hurdle, to the disappointment of the majority, who regarded the affair as something like a match between Austin Friars and Polonia.

Upsides with High Force at the last hurdle at Sandown recently, Austin Friars quite failed to reproduce that form, and although Polonia was in front at the last hurdle, she was easily run out of it by Wrangle.

Chia Chin reappeared after a long absence in the Coventry Chase, and he accounted for everything save the outsider Northbrook.

Zarane, who has been under a cloud lately, is top-weight among a mixed lot in the Yardley Hurdle to-day. Wee Mon is nicely handicapped, but so is Abreitia, and the latter may prove the pick.

Pirwincher has fallen twice in his last three races, otherwise I should like his chance in the Harbourn "Chase." In the circumstances, perhaps it is safer to select Spoil Ewe.

BOUVERIE.

Silva was struck out of the Grand National at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Grand National.—In responding to a toast at Newmarket, Tom Leader, the trainer of Taffy, stated that his charge maintained his recent rate of progress and met with ordinary luck at Aintree but was sure that last year's third would move up a couple of places.

Sandham (left) and Russell, who put on 153 for the first wicket in England's second innings in the fourth Test at Johannesburg yesterday.

TEST MATCH THRILLS.

England Collapse After Stand by Sandham and Russell.

Sandham and Russell put up a useful stand for the first wicket in England's second innings against South Africa at Johannesburg yesterday. They played themselves in steadily, and the arrears of 51 were cleared off without loss. At a quarter to one, says Reuter, a strong wind blew from the west, and after adding a single was taken, Russell made an appeal for bad light which was not allowed, but five minutes later rain stopped play with the total at 88, and lunch was taken. In his first three overs McIntyre was "no balled" on five occasions.

Play was resumed after lunch at the usual time, Russell, when 43, gave a difficult chance at the wicket, and Sandham, playing very safely, completed 50 in just under two hours.

A sharp shower caused a quarter of an hour's delay with the score at 143. With his score at 57 Sandham survived an appeal for a catch at the wicket, and after adding a single was leg before, the first wicket falling at 153.

At the tea interval two wickets were down for 203, but half the time went out for 221. Score:—

ENGLAND.
First Innings—244 (A. W. Carr 63).
Second Innings—
Sandham, lbw b Hall, 59. Mees, c and b McIntyre, 0.
Russell, b Hall, 59. Napier, 59. b McIntyre, 9.
Ward, 40. Extras, 40.
A. W. Carr, c Ward, 40. T-total (for 5 wickets), 321.
McIntyre, 6.
SOUTH AFRICA.
First Innings—295 (T. A. Ward 64, A. D. Nourse 51, L. E. Tapscott 50).

NON-STOP BILLIARDS.

Smith Leading Newman in Their Seven Test Matches.

Five of the series of seven test matches between Newman and Smith have been decided, and Smith holds a lead of 598 on the aggregate points. Above striped, Newman's first match, the second by 551. At Newcastle, however, Newman was successful by 608, and he also won the fourth match by 658. Newman then led Newman by 229 points, but Smith came out on top in their fifth contest at Manchester by 821.

Last night two matches take place in London. They meet at the Piccadilly Saloon in the fortnight beginning February 19, and enter upon their last engagement in the Leicester square on March 5. The biggest breaks to date are 972 by Newman and 721 by Smith.

RAIN STOPS FOOTBALL.

Heavy rain prevented play in the Second League match between Port Vale and Derby County at Hanley yesterday. The ground being partially flooded. The match has been postponed to Saturday.

The Sheffield United v. Huddersfield match was also postponed to the same day.

BIRMINGHAM PROGRAMME AND YESTERDAY'S RACING RETURNS

4.45.—RUGELEY (S). HURDLE, 150 yards; 2m.
Greek Vase, Jarvis 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Bead Fire, Bennett 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Voxol, c. Hehir 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Settler, c. Spittle 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Buckley, c. Spittle 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Girvan, c. Hartigan 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Bennett, c. Hartigan 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Rathore, c. Bennett 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Ebon, c. Conthwaite 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Lord Ronald, c. Pea 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.
Shorn Widom, Pea 1112. Hoonora, Bennett 1112.

2.15.—WARWICKSHIRE (S). CHASE, 250 yards; 2m.
Dudley, H.A. Brown 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Bead Fire, H.A. 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Miter P'tn F.A. 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Little Eagle, H.A. 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
C.T. the Gm B.H. 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Holeproof, c. Pea 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Swimmer, c. Pea 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Camelot, McQuigan 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Mundela, c. Piggott 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Noble, c. Piggott 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Kinford, c. Newey 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Lord Ronald, c. Pea 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Nimble, c. Edwards 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.

2.45.—YARDLEY HURDLE, 150 yards; 2m.
Zarane, c. Butcher 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Joseph, c. D.Harris 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Albion, c. Anthony 12.7. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Mythical, c. Hastings 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Noble, c. Pea 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.
Konky, c. Burns 11.12. Manster Park H.A. 12.7.

3.15.—HARBORNE CHASE, 150 yards; 3m.
Bead Fire, Bennett 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Jimmie, c. Sanday 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Louisiana, Harbourn 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Baird, c. Sanday 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Snipe, Bader, c. Pea 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Noble, c. Pea 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
New Lady, c. Stubbins 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Northern Glen, Pea 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Grey Knight, Sanday 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Pirwincher, Hastings 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Auchincloss, c. Stokes 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Noble, c. Pea 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Mickawber, Neay 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.

3.45.—PACKINGTON 4V.0.
Marti, c. Hamshaw 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Aile, c. Leader 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Bead Fire, Bennett 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Above striped, 12.10. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Grimsport, c. Thwaite 12.10. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Glenade, c. Goodman 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
John's Knight, Barrett 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Bead Fire, Bennett 12.5. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.
Nail, c. Armstrong 11.13. Ashford H.A. Brown 11.2.

JOE PALMER CHOSEN.

Referee for Thursday's Lewis-Todd Contest.

Everything is now ready for the bout between Kid Lewis and Roland Todd for the middle-weight championship, that is, save one essential—there is still a slight doubt as to who will referee.

It was left to the editor of the *Sporting Life* to settle the matter, and Mr. Morley Brown told me yesterday afternoon that he has appointed Mr. Joe Palmer.

I understand that Mr. Bridgewater, Todd's manager, now suggests that Mr. Moss, Devong who I have seen, into the ancestry, religious faith and political feelings of all boxing men before a referee can be put up.

And as Mr. Palmer and Mr. Devong were the last two in the discussion, and Mr. Bridgewater refused to lose for choice, it does not seem that the Northern people have much to grumble about.

On the other side previously objected to Moss Devong on racial grounds. I might now object to Joe Palmer on the same lines. But if these so-called racial bars are put up, we have to have the ancestry, religious faith and political feelings of all boxing men before a referee can be put up.

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SELECTORS JUSTIFIED

England Beat the South in First Soccer Trial.

TITMUSS' BAD LUCK.

England beat the South in the international trial match at New Cross yesterday by the only goal scored in a hard game. The South had all the better of the first half, but could not score. After the interval England had the lion's share of the play, and during a period of pressure Titmuss, who was being hustled by Broad, had the misfortune to divert the ball into his own goal.

The opening half greatly favoured the South. Hartley was fouled by Buchanan early on, and England's goal was endangered, but Taylor deflected. Gradually the England right wing got going, but Gray dashed in, cleared beautifully, and sent the ball to Walden, who capped a characteristic run by testing Taylor with a long dropping shot.

England were hard pressed, but could not drive the ball over Broad for a time. A hook shot from Taylor failed to render assistance to the defence, tried to work through by a solo effort, but the tall Plymouth centre half, cleverly checked him.

Grimsdell unluckily caught the ball in his face, and the blow gave him some trouble and rather affected his play for a time. A hook shot from Watson was got rid of by Taylor, but the South forced three corners before England became at all dangerous.

ENGLAND'S POOR START.

Lansdale was not called on until Hopkins returned a fine centre after receiving from Broad, and a neat header by the centre advanced the score.

Seed sent in a couple of long shots which gave Taylor trouble, but Hill maintained too close a watch over Broad for the England centre to become dangerous. Carr had a lovely opening made for him by Buchanan, but the Middlesbrough man's shot went just wide.

England's forwards subsequently improved, and Buchanan was able to outwit Hill and send to the left wing, but the referee mistakenly gave Hopkins off.

Neither team had scored at the interval, though the South defence was fully extended to cope with the brilliant work of the English forwards in the last ten minutes.

The South attacked on resuming, but the finish was weak. Seed's centre forward engaged, but he received poor support.

After a spell of comparatively uninteresting play, Wilson's brilliant work in the last ten minutes. It was one of the best efforts of the day, the bar being just skimmed. At the other end Broad beat Titmuss, and Southampton man had the misfortune to put through his own goal.

The South made a great final rally but were unable to overcome the resistance offered by Taylor, who kept an admirable alert, and the sound pair of backs in front of him.

ENGLAND'S NEXT TEAM.

After the match the following team was chosen to represent England against the North—

Taylor (Huddersfield); Gray (Spurs); Titmuss (Southampton); Magee (Bromwich); Hill (Plymouth A.); Grimsdell (Spurs); Carr (Middlesbrough); Watson (West Ham); Wilson (Oxford City); and Lieut. K. E. Hogan (Army).

The North team is—Pearson (West Bromwich); Longworth (Liverpool); Wadsworth (Huddersfield); Keane (Wednesday); Wilson (Wednesday); Bromford (Liverpool); Clingworth (Exeter); and Wilson (Huddersfield); Chambers (Liverpool) and Hopkins (Liverpool).

EVE OF WATERLOO.

Draw for Coursing Trophy to Take Place To-day.

To-morrow the classic event in the coursing calendar, the Waterloo Cup, opens at Aitken, and a grand fine weather the meeting is certain to be as attractive as ever.

The management is in the hands of Mr. John Magillan, and the names of dogs must be forwarded to him this afternoon, the draw taking place early in the evening.

No public idol like Fullerton will be in the field. There has been an abnormal amount of illness about the kennels and owners and trainers have been considerably handicapped, with the result that a representative list of greyhounds will not be available.

Mr. H. Charles Beaded Bass, Lord Tweedmouth's Tricky Lass, Lord Lansdale's Lattor, Mr. C. A. Mills' Skeets, Mr. A. L. Wing's Wangler and Mr. J. White's Wagon are reported to be very fit.

Beaded Bass and Tricky Lass are the pair mostly favoured by recognised judges of coursing, and with a little luck in the draw they are certain to find many supporters when the card is called over to-night.

OTHER SPORT IN BRIEF.

News Items and Gossip About Men and Matters of the Moment.

Rugby in France.—At Toulouse this afternoon France and Germany played an exciting match. France won by 10-0.

Trainer on Holiday.—Mr. P. P. Gilpin, the Clontarf trainer, is spending a short holiday at Nice.

Lifboatmen at Football.—An Cup semi-final at Falmouth (two of the Ruan side had been at all night in the lifboat).

Oxford's New Boat.—Oxford's new racing eight is nearing completion. Putney, and will sail at all probability be used in the Boat Race on March 24.

Rearranged League Game.—The League match between Leeds and Manchester postponed on February 3 owing to the Cup tie, will be played at Elland-road on Saturday, February 24.

Barbury Hole.—A Playing on the Norbury (Surrey) course, against C. M. Thomas, the captain of the club, G. M. Coward held out at the third, which measures 146 yards, and will be played at Elland-road on Saturday, February 24.

Old Riders Charity "Stunt."—Bombardier Billy Wells and Georges Carpenter will take part in a boxing tourney at Falmouth on March 10, in aid of the funds of the British Legion. It is hoped that the Duke of York, who will be present at the Rugby international at Inverloch on that day, will attend the tournament.

BRITISH TRADE'S BIG BOUND FORWARD.

Increase in Coal Tonnage Sent to Germany.

MORE FOOD IMPORTS.

Exports for January Up by £3,791,959 Over Last Year.

With the advent of the new year, British trade made a big bound forward, and very substantial increases in both imports and British exports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for January, which were issued yesterday.

The imports for January totalled £99,699,855, an amount which has not been exceeded since January, 1921. The increase over December was £4,788,254, and over January, 1922, £23,199,938. British exports for January were valued at £66,939,838, and it is necessary to go back to February of 1921 to find a higher total.

The figures are higher by £3,955,878 than those for December last, and show an increase of £3,791,959 on January, 1922.

Comparing the imports of last month with those of January a year ago every classification shows big increases. Under the head of food, drink and tobacco there is an advance of £13,414,638.

Grain and flour are up by £4,707,918, meat by £2,712,098, and dutiable food and drink by £2,630,702.

COAL FOR GERMANY.

Of a total increase in raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured of £5,725,034, the largest contributory item is £2,104,954 with regard to wool, raw and waste, and woollen rags, with other textile materials are up by £1,049,912. Raw cotton and cotton waste rose by only £260,027.

Under the heading of articles wholly or mainly manufactured only two of the twenty classifications show decreases, and there is a total net increase of £3,996,604.

With regard to British exports, again taking January of last year as a comparison, food, drink and tobacco have increased by £2,033,078. The total coal exported in January, 1923, was 5,611,670 tons, of the value of £9,235,820, as compared with 4,022,935 tons of the value of £4,783,539, in January, 1922.

Of this coal, in January this year England sent to France 1,385,291 tons, of the value of £1,439,523; to Italy 542,118 tons, of the value of £680,862; to Germany, 521,854 tons, of the value of £553,247.

It is interesting to note that in January, 1922, Britain sent to Germany 247,315 tons of coal, of the value of £241,691; and in January, 1921, 14,393 tons of coal, of the value of £33,988.

Re-exports amounted £3,797,961—an increase of £1,339,095 on January, 1922.

GHOST OF THE HILLS.

Weird Circuit Round Vicar's Wife—Frightened Villagers.

The villagers of Fenny Compton and Northend, in South Warwickshire, are greatly perturbed by a ghostly apparition which is reported to make regular nightly visits to the Burton Dasset hills.

Many people declare they have seen the ghost, including the vicar's wife, round whom it is said to have made a weird circuit.

A youth driving by a lonely pool was so frightened by the ghost that he has not since ventured out of the house after dark.

A shepherd named Neale declares he has seen the visitant many times.

LINER'S 80-TON RUDDER.

Renewal That Took 180 Men Seven Weeks Working Day and Night.

How many passengers crossing the Atlantic on our great ocean liners realise the weight of the part of the ship which guides them safely to port!

The rudder of the Aquitania, which has been undergoing repairs at Darlington, consists of four parts, the whole weighing eighty tons. Two of the parts have been renewed, and the work has occupied seven weeks, employing 180 men working day and night.

The lower portion of the rudder possesses a door, to enable workmen to enter and examine the hinge mechanism from the inside without removal of the rudder.

"INCONVENIENT" LAW.

Common Sergeant and Employers Who Threatened Man with Dismissal.

Stern comment was made at the Old Bailey yesterday by the Common Sergeant (Sir Henry Dickens, K.C.) regarding the employers of a witness who told the police that it was inconvenient to them that he should attend, and said they told him that unless some definite arrangement were made they should have to dispense with his services.

It was a most improper thing, said the Common Sergeant, for employers to threaten their employees if they were required to attend at court.

He believed it was an indictable offence, and it was perfectly certain that if this kind of thing were allowed some active step would have to be taken.

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WHEN AND WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD DRINK

One of the simplest yet most vitally important of all rules that should be followed by those who suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis and sour stomach, is to avoid drinking too much at mealtime. For if you drink too much, food is not properly digested, thus putting an extra burden on the stomach besides causing fermentation, gas and acidity. The best plan to follow is to wait until after eating, and then take half a teaspoonful of Bisurated Magnesia in a half a glass of water, preferably hot. This neutralises the acid, soothes the inflamed stomach lining, and by giving nature a chance, enables the stomach to do its work in a painless, normal manner. Bisurated Magnesia is also supplied in tablets, two or three of which may be taken after eating or whenever pain is felt. In either form the cost is but 1s. 3d., and you've only to try the preparation to get proof that it's the quickest, surest remedy out!—(Adv.)

ACTRESS' SHARE IN BOOKMAKING FIRM.

Miss Daisy Markham's Story of Ringing Up Partner.

"UPS" AND "DOWNS."

Further evidence was heard yesterday, in the King's Bench Division, in the action brought by Mrs. Daisy Annie Moss, the actress, known as Miss Daisy Markham.

Miss Markham sued Mr. and Mrs. George Petrides, of Regent Street, W., for damages for alleged fraudulent representations, by which she was induced to subscribe £200 for shares in a bookmaking business called Hulcroft and Co., Ltd.

Mr. Schiller, K.C. (for Miss Markham), said her case was that she was told she was putting her money into a partnership with the Petrides, and not into a limited company.

Miss Markham, in the witness-box, and in reply to Mr. Harold Morris, K.C. (for Mr. Petrides) said that when she received the memorandum and articles of association of the company she rang up Mr. Petrides and told him she thought the whole thing was "crooked."

"Did you say, 'I did not put my money into a company for subsidising other things'?"—No. She remembered she said she was in an awful temper when she rang up.

Did Mr. Petrides say he would be perfectly prepared for you to see your solicitor—I did not hear it. I put the receiver on before I could hear what he said.

EXACTING PROFESSION.

Mr. Morris, opening the defence, said Miss Markham had risen to a prominent place in an exacting profession and had acted in London.

"Yet," he said, "she has the tenacity to go into the witness-box and to tell you that at the age of thirty-two or thirty-three she does not know what a limited company is or what shares are."

He would call a director of the company, said Mr. Morris, who would tell the jury the lady always talked about her shares in the business and the shares were handed to her in the ordinary way.

Was there any doubt that she knew from first to last that this was a company which was carrying on the business, and that she was going to take out shares in it?

If there was any doubt what she was going to put her money into it was due to her own foolishness and her own stupidity.

This was, of course, a hotting business, said counsel, and hotting fascinated some people. Miss Markham wanted to come into it, and hoped there would be more "ups" than "downs." In this particular case there were more "downs" than "ups," and Miss Markham became disappointed and angry over them and turned round and made this charge of fraud.

Mr. G. Petrides, the male defendant, said he started a bookmaking business at 8, Regent Street in August, 1920, in partnership with a major-general, and carried it on as Hulcroft and Co.

Witness put in £200 and Major Saul £500. The latter went out in November.

The Judge: How much did you pay him to go out?—£50.

Had he lost his £500?—Yes.

MR. COURTYCE POUNDS.

Singer's Action Against London Theatrical Producer.

Mr. Charles Courtney Pounds, the actor, in the King's Bench Division yesterday, sued Mr. Peter Gawthorne, a theatrical producer, for damages for breach of agreement in connection with the production of "The Island King." Mr. Gawthorne denied liability.

The Judge awarded plaintiff £750 for his loss and gave judgment for the amount, with costs.

In opening the case Mr. Barrington Ward, K.C., stated that the action was brought to recover damages for the breach of an agreement by which Mr. Pounds was verbally engaged by Mr. Gawthorne to act as principal comedian in "The Island King" for a provincial tour of six weeks and afterwards at a West End theatre at a salary of £75 per week. Afterwards defendant refused to allow him to play.

Mr. Pounds, giving evidence, said that he had not a written contract, Mr. Gawthorne saying his word was as good as his bond.

Witness said he had met Sir Alfred Butt did not want him to play the part.

Witness said he made it clear to the defendant that if he played the part he must do it in his own way, "not on low comedy lines."

When he heard that he was to play the part of Bob Hopkins, he did his best to get engagements and obtained his present work in "Lilac Time" at a salary of £55.

OTTER'S DEATH FIGHT.

One Hour Brookside Battle with Collier in Farm Field.

A great fight between a collier and an otter, which lasted for an hour, is reported from Market Drayton.

The dog, belonging to Mr. Harry Shepherd, jun., of New House Farm, Spoonley, Market Drayton, killed an otter weighing sixteen pounds by a blow in one of the shoulders.

This is a very unusual occurrence. The collier was killed the worse for his battle.

